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BATTLE RAGING IN CANTON AREA.

REBEL OFFENSIVE 27 MILES TO N.E.

HURLED BACK IN VIGOROUS COUNTER-ATTACK.

DECISION IMMINENT.

The fate of Canton should be decided within the next two or three days. The rival armies are now at grips within thirty miles of the city and a fierce battle is in progress. The first serious engagement of the rebel campaign, it was launched on Monday afternoon by Chang Fat-kwei and his Ironsides on a large scale. The Cantonese troops were at first hurled back by superior forces, but it appears that reinforcements were rushed to the battle zone and in the small hours of yesterday morning, the Cantonese smashed the front ranks of the invaders and made a big advance.

The atmosphere in Canton is electrified. All sorts of rumours are in circulation, many people excitedly alleging that they heard gunfire within a few miles of the city.

It is definitely certain, however, that although the Ironsides launched a severe offensive, they did not approach nearer than Sun Wai, nineteen miles from Canton, and that they were forced to retire rapidly in the face of vigorous counter-attacks.

Where Fighting Began.

Fighting, says our Canton correspondent, in a message dated last night, began near Fah Yuen, which is about twenty-seven miles directly north of Canton. The Ironsides, obviously an intact army, despite the rumours of the past month, must have made rapid progress without opposition before they clashed with the Cantonese so close to the city.

Military headquarters, in reporting the outbreak of fighting, claimed that the battle was going well for them at the beginning. This, however, seems hardly accurate. The latest reports show that the rebel forces met with considerable success at the commencement of their attack, inflicting severe casualties on the Cantonese front-line troops.

As an indication of the feeling in Canton when the first reports reached official circles, it may be noted that certain of the higher Cantonese officials immediately made arrangements to send their families to Hongkong, last night's river-boats being crowded with "refugees."

The military authorities, however, took prompt steps to turn the battle. All the motor-buses plying on the streets of Canton were commandeered on Monday night and were employed in transporting troops out of Canton in the direction of the Fah Yuen highway.

Wounded Reach Canton.

Several thousand men were quickly in the battle zone and the advance was not only stemmed, but they were forced to retreat after some very heavy fighting. Large numbers of wounded men are reported to have arrived in Canton.

Canton, Later.

It now transpires that the fierce battle to the north of Canton started at 4.30 p.m. on Monday afternoon and raged throughout the night. A number of people here still claim to have heard the gunfire, but this may have been practice firing, or the reverberations of bombs being dropped on the enemy's lines.

The Battle Turned.

It is reported, on good authority, that early in the night, the enemy were gaining a decisive advantage over the Cantonese defenders, but that in the early hours of the morning large reinforcements rushed to

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A VARSITY RUGGER SURPRISE.

OXFORD BEAT CAMBRIDGE IN TERRIFIC FIGHT.

ROBSON'S BIG PART.

London, Dec. 10.

Oxford University defeated Cambridge by nine points to nil at Twickenham this afternoon, in the "Empire" Inter-Varsity rugger match, so-called because of the unusual proportion of students from the Dominions included in the teams. Oxford, for instance, had no fewer than six South Africans and one New Zealander, in their side.

The result came as a surprise to the critics. The Dark Blues won before the customary enthusiastic crowd, numbering at least thirty thousand, and including H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, to whom the teams were presented before the start.

The Light Blues were frequently within an ace of creating a record by gaining their fifth victory in succession, but aided by luck and great tenacity, coupled with merciless tackling, Oxford withstood assault after assault and although they themselves were dangerous, particularly before the interval managed to hang on to a lead given them in the twentieth minute of the game.

This was secured in a sudden breakaway, Robson crossing the Cambridge line for a try, and Black converting to give Oxford a lead of five points. Cambridge strove might and main to get on terms, but Oxford hung on doggedly until the very last minute when Robson confirmed the issue by a dropped goal from the twenty-five yards line.—*Reuter.*

GIRL'S BODY BADLY MUTILATED.

LEGS CUT OFF, PROBABLY BY PARENTS.

"EVIL SPIRIT" MYTH.

The body of a Chinese six-year-old female child was found early this morning, abandoned on the hillside behind Pikem Street, Yau-mat. Both legs had been cut off with a sharp weapon, surprised to be a kitchen chopper.

At first sight it would appear that callous murder, followed by mutilation of the body, had taken place, but police officers when seen this morning, expressed their belief that death had resulted from natural causes, mutilation of the remains being subsequently carried out by the parents on account of some age-old superstition. A doctor will today view the body, which has been removed to the Mortuary at Kowloon.

Not long ago, a similar case of mutilation was brought to light at Shamshui, when it was revealed that the body of a small child, found left in the street in a sack, had both the arms and legs severed.

It was then definitely established that the mutilation was done after death by parents who thought to ward off a similar evil at the next birth, by slaying the evil spirit which they superstitiously believed was dwelling in the body of the dead child.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE INVESTITURE.

INTERESTING EVENT FOR TO-MORROW NIGHT.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clement are giving a dance at Government House to-morrow night, to which a large number of residents have been invited. It will be the first occasion on which the new ballroom has been used.

During the evening, H. E. the Governor will invest Major D. G. Cheyne, M.C., R.A.M.C., with the O.B.E. decoration, recently conferred.

Prior to the dance, there will be a dinner party to which about forty guests have been invited, including Major Cheyne.

HAICHING HEROES COMMENDED.

BRITISH ADMIRALTY'S MESSAGE.

POLICE STILL SIFTING OUT THE SUSPECTS.

FOUR IN HOSPITAL.

London, Dec. 10.

The Admiralty has cabled to Admiral Sir A. K. Waistell, Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron, expressing admiration at the gallantry of the captain, officers and crew of the Douglas s.s. Haiching in the recent attempted piracy.—*Reuter.*

The police are still actively engaged in work in connexion with the piracy, and visits to the Government Civil Hospital, where four are "suspected" patients, will partake of the nature of routine these next few days, until the completion of the enquiries will have enabled the police to place a definite number of prisoners before the Magistrate.

It is learned that in addition to the four in hospital, three other men have been sorted out as "probables," while it is also indicated that about 20 are still in custody as compared with the total number of 330 passengers originally in police hands.

Many Visitors to Ship.

A large number of visitors were admitted aboard the s.s. Haiching, at her wharf on the Praya today, to witness the extensive damage done the vessel during Sunday's battle.

The visitors included the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock K.C., and the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, who were shown over the vessel by Captain O. H. Farrar and officials of the Douglas Steamship Company. It is announced that the whole of the officers who took part in the memorable battle will be the guests of H. E. the Governor at a fiftieth Government House on Friday.

Suspect's Death.

Lo Sui-fan, a seriously wounded man taken off the Haiching following the return of the ill-fated vessel on Sunday night and since detained at the Government Civil Hospital, died there shortly before one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The important fact connected with this man's death is that although the deceased had desecrated himself as a shop assistant, or travelling trader, the police had yet to confirm his antecedents.

Wounded in the month, he had passed a critical time since his removal ashore, alternating with relapses into unconsciousness, until he definitely took a turn for the worse yesterday morning, passing away in the presence of a police officer and a Magistrate who had been summoned to the bedside to take the man's dying depositions.

It is understood that no statement was obtained from the dying man.

The Late Mr. Woodward.

The late Mr. F. K. Woodward, third officer of the s.s. Haiching, who was the only European killed during the piratical attack, was a comparative newcomer to the China Coast.

Born in Belper, Derbyshire, 31 years ago, he spent several years on the Indian coast on vessels running out of Calcutta, coming to Hongkong in April, 1923, to join the Douglas Steamship Company.

His next-of-kin is a sister, Mrs. Ellis, of Duffield, Derbyshire.

Guard's Funeral.

The funeral of Khial Singh, who was shot dead by the pirates while still asleep, took place yesterday afternoon at the Sikh Temple and was attended by a large number of fellow guards, members of the Indian contingent of the Hongkong Police and representatives of the Hongkong and Singapore Brigades, R.A.

Among those present were Mr. Mohinder Singh, A.S.P., Mr. Nawab Khan, A.S.P., and Subadar Major Mangal Singh of the H.K.S.B.R.A.

Although only 45 years of age, the late Khial Singh was on pension, having served for 22 years with the Hongkong and Singapore Brigades. He retired two or three years ago with the rank of sergeant. He has only been with the guards for about a year.

FATHER THAMES IN HIGH FLOOD.

SITUATION GIVING RISE TO ANXIETY.

NEW GALES EXPECTED.

London, Dec. 10.

A renewal of southerly gales caused by a very deep depression approaching from the Atlantic is, according to the weather forecast, likely to be severe on the South-West Coast of Britain.

Meanwhile, although a heavy swell has been running, an interval in the gale violence has enabled many ships to mend their steering gear and to continue their voyages or to make for ports when the damage was serious.

The s.s. Tynebridge, for instance, has repaired her steering gear and cancelled a call for assistance, and is returning to Falmouth to land one dead and two injured men.

Inland, and particularly in the Thames Valley, floods are causing anxiety.

Since yesterday, the Thames has risen nearly one foot at Molesey and the rate of flow during the last twenty-four hours was nine thousand million gallons as compared with an average flow of two thousand million gallons for this time of the year.

The authorities have established a special watch on the river so that adequate warning can be given if a danger arises of the floods breaking through the embankments in London.

There is no immediate fear of this happening, but the floods in the Upper Thames Valley are higher than when it occurred last year, and more rain is forecast.

At Reading, which is almost surrounded by water, the river is twenty-six inches above normal, and at Maidenhead, it is four feet above normal. There are also wide flood areas in other parts of the country.—*British Wireless.*

ARMED ROBBERY SEQUEL.

FOUR CHINESE CHARGED THIS MORNING.

The recent outrage committed in Wellington Street, when Cho Shun, a pork dealer, of the Central Market, was aroused from his bed late at night by men armed with revolvers, who bound and gagged him and then rifled his safe and stole \$200 and jewellery, had a sequel at the Central Magistrate's this morning, when four Chinese, the youngest of whom is 16, were charged with being concerned in the armed robbery.

Detective Inspector Shannon said the men were rounded up in two different houses in First and Second Streets, at West Point. A curious fact was the discovery of four loaded revolvers in Bridges Street, which is quite close to the Central Police Station.

At the Inspector's request, Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham, the magistrate, ordered a formal remand of 48 hours to enable the police to make further enquiries.

SHANGHAI COURT STATUS.

NANKING CONFERENCES CONTINUE.

Nanking, Dec. 10.

Two conferences between Chinese Government representatives and international delegates regarding the future of the Shanghai Provisional Court were held today. No details of the proceedings have been disclosed.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH MINISTER TO CHINA.

FORMER CONSUL-GENERAL IN SHANGHAI APPOINTED.

Paris, Dec. 10.

M. Wilden, former French Consul-General in Shanghai, and now Minister at Teheran, has been appointed to succeed Count de Martel as Minister to China.

Count de Martel has been appointed Ambassador in Tokyo.—*Reuter.*

SHIP'S ENGINEER REPRIMANDED.

CONVICTED OF GROSS MISCONDUCT.

UNABLE TO PERFORM DUTIES THROUGH DRINKING.

OFFENCE ADMITTED.

Charged with being drunk and incapable of performing his duties, A. J. Cordner, the Second Engineer of the s.s. Portcurno, appeared before a Marine Court of Enquiry at the Harbour Office this morning, when he pleaded guilty to the charge, and stated that he had no extenuating circumstances to put forward in mitigation of the offence.

Evidence was given by officers of the vessel that Cordner was found in the engine room in Hongkong, under the influence of drink, which prevented him from carrying out his duties.

The Hon. Commander F. G. Hole, R.N., (retired) presided over the court, the other members being Lieut. Commander L. G. Addington, D.S.O., R.N., (H.M.S. Tamar), Capt. D. C. L. Evans (master, s.s. Teucer), Mr. A. L. Miller (Chief Engineer, s.s. Chak Sang) and Mr. W. Niblock (Chief Engineer, s.s. Kwong Chow).

Captain's Evidence.

The first witness was Capt. Edward John Niblett, master of the s.s. Portcurno, who said the defendant signed on the articles as second engineer. The first case in which defendant was drunk on board the ship was in the Suez Canal when the Chief Engineer found him lying on the engine room floor, hopelessly drunk. Witness made no entry of this in the log book.

Commander Hole said if that was so, they could not take that as evidence.

Continuing, Capt. Niblett said the second occasion when defendant was found drunk in the course of his duties, was in Hongkong Harbour on December 5th last. The Chief Engineer made a report to him, stating that defendant was badly drunk, and that he had ordered him away from the engine room. Witness did not see Cordner himself, but he made an entry of the complaint in the log book. Cordner did not sign this.

Mr. Harry C. Edwards, the Chief Engineer of the s.s. Portcurno, said that about 3 p.m. on December 5th he went below to the engine room and found the accused under the influence of drink.

Incapable of Work.

Cordner was on duty at the time, but was not attending to those duties, only walking idly round, and at 3.15 p.m. witness told him to get out of the engine room. He smelt strongly of liquor and was not capable of performing his duties.

Witness left the engine room about 3.25 p.m. but as Cordner did not obey his instructions, he sent the 4th Engineer to bring Cordner to him.

When he arrived at witness's room, he ordered him to keep out of the engine room. He called the attention of Mr. Roberts (the Chief Officer) to the condition of Cordner and later returned to the engine room, and found the accused still there. He ignored him, but could see that the man was still drunk. He subsequently made a report to the master.

A member of the Court asked witness if the ship was on main engines at the time, and Mr. Edwards replied in the negative, saying the ship was discharging. There had been no trouble since, as the second engineer was suspended that evening and had not been in the engine room since.

Commander Hole:—In your opinion, his condition was such as to prevent him from performing his duty adequately?—Yes.

Smelt of Drink.

Mr. William Morris Lippeatt, the Fourth Engineer, said he saw Cordner in the engine room at about 3 p.m. on December 5th, when he was drunk and apparently incapable of carrying out his duties. He formed this opinion because he could smell that Cordner had been drinking.

Mr. Albert John Stone, Third Engineer, said he saw the accused drunk in the engine room.

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PLANS FOR CURING UNEMPLOYMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT ISSUES A WHITE PAPER.

"DOLE" BILL SURVIVES.

London, Dec. 10.

Details of the Government's plans for dealing with unemployment, issued this afternoon in a White Paper, show that the total estimated expenditure on schemes under the Development Act and under the Unemployment Grants Committee, is just over twenty millions sterling.

Expenditure on roads and bridges is dealt with separately. It is stated that schemes for road development for which grants out of the Road Fund have been applied for, have been approved, in detail or in principle, to the value of over twenty-four millions sterling.

It is estimated that the Road Fund liability in respect of these schemes will be approximately sixteen millions and that the work provided will be equivalent to the employment of one hundred thousand men for one year.—*British Wireless.*

Later. The House of Commons has completed the committee stage of the Unemployment Insurance Bill after rejecting by 279 votes to 21, a new clause, moved by the Labour Left-Wingers, reducing from six to three days, the period a man has to wait before drawing the dole.

The concession would have cost about £4,000,000 per annum. The Liberals did not vote, but some of the Conservatives supported the Government.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET PRESSURE IN MANCHURIA.

ACCELERATING THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

PARLEY RESUMPTION.

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

It is learned reliably that Mr. Tsai Yun-sheng, who negotiated the Sino-Soviet Protocol, left yesterday afternoon for Harbinovsk, via Pogradichaya, to resume the parley with M. Simanoffsky, for the final settlement of the six months' conflict over the Chinese Eastern Railway.

Incidentally, it is reported that trains are already running between Manchuria and Hallar. The damaged tracks are being repaired by Soviet troops, which are said to continue their occupation of the two towns with a view to accelerating the present Sino-Soviet negotiations.—*Reuter.*

Mukden, Dec. 10. General Chang Hsueh-liang, the Manchurian leader, proposes to appoint Mr. Mo Teh-huei, the former Civil Governor of Mukden, as the plenipotentiary delegate in the Sino-Soviet peace negotiations. The appointment has been recommended to the Nanking Government by Chang Hsueh-liang and confirmation from Dr. C. T. Wang is awaited.

It is reported that Russian aeroplanes bombed Poketu, on the 7th instant (also for the purpose of accelerating discussions).—*Reuter.*

NEW YORK FILM FIRE DISASTER.

NINE INCINERATED IN A "TALKIE" STUDIO.

New York, Dec. 10.

Five men and four women were burned to death and twenty persons are in hospital suffering from severe burns as the result of a fire which broke out in a Pathé Film Studio in Upper Manhattan and destroyed the premises.

Most of the victims were engaged in making a "talkie-film" at the time of the outbreak.—*Reuter.*

NORTH-EAST WINDS.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is passing into the Pacific. The typhoon is probably continuing on a westerly course towards North Malaya. Moderate monsoon may be expected over the South-east Coast of and over the China Sea, east till noon to-morrow. Winds, moderate; fair.

SEVERE FIGHTING NEAR NANKING.

CRITICAL SITUATION PREVAILING.

BODY OF TROOPS DISARMED IN CAPITAL.

REBELS AND HANKOW.

While the situation arising from the Tang Seng-chi rebellion is still high. Fighting is reported to have broken out on a big scale within thirty or forty miles of Nanking and wounded Government troops are being brought into the city. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is disarming every soldier regarding whom there is the slightest doubt, five hundred men having been thus treated in Nanking yesterday.

Tang Seng-chi is delaying his attack on Hankow for the present, having apparently tried to win over General Liu Shih, the commander of "Chiang Kai-shek's Own" troops, without success.

Severe Fighting.

Nanking, Dec. 10.

Severe fighting broke out last evening to the north of Chuchow, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, which is a little over thirty miles as the crow flies from Nanking.

A number of wounded troops have arrived at Nanking from the battlefield.

Five hundred "doubtful" troops belonging to the Fourth Brigade were disarmed this afternoon without resistance, though they were well-armed, being equipped with a large number of machine-guns.

Part of the First Division, which is commanded by the staunch loyalist officer, General Liu Shih, arrived from Hankow this morning. The city is quiet, but uneasy.—*Reuter.*

Hankow, Dec. 10.

It is reported that a clash has occurred near Sinyangchow, on the Peking-Hankow Railway, close to the Honan-Hupeh border, between the forces of General Tang Seng-chi, the rebel leader, and loyal troops under General Hsu Yuan-chien.

Brief Skirmish.

Apparently the affair was a brief skirmish of no particular consequence. It is generally believed that Tang Seng-chi is not finding it expedient to advance on the Wuhan cities for the present, though it is obvious from the forces which have left Hankow for Nanking under Chiang Kai-shek's orders, that the Nanking Generalissimo is prepared to give up Hankow if he can hold Nanking and Shanghai.

A strong concentration of Government troops, however, is being made at Wushankwan in case an attack develops.

Liu Shih's Retort.

General Liu Shih, Garrison Commander of Hupeh and Commander of the First Nanking Division, some of which have left Hankow for Nanking, has been approached by General Tang Seng-chi.

Replying to these overtures, General Liu Shih telegraphed to Tang Seng-chi yesterday stating that he obeyed only one master, which was the Central Government. He roundly denounced Tang Seng-chi and the Government's other enemies.

Meanwhile the attitude of General Ho Chien in Hunan, which has been doubtful for some time past, remains obscure.—*Reuter.*

Nanking Tension.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

Further doubtful troops at Nanking and Hangchow, the famous resort near Shanghai, have attempted mutiny and the tense situation is still causing apprehension among residents in Shanghai and Nanking.

While the majority of the Nanking troops have left to points along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, fighting or building trenches in anticipation of an early thrust by the rebels.

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THE BREWER CASE RESUMED.

AUDITOR SATISFIED WITH
EXPLANATIONS.

THE BALANCE SHEETS.

An important witness in the person of the Chinese auditor of the Instone Banking Corporation appeared at the trial, continued before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, of Mr. N. I. Brewer, barrister-at-law, who is charged with committing offences under the Perjury and Larceny Ordinances in connexion with the preparation and filing of what is alleged to be a false balance sheet with the Registrar of Companies.

In the course of his examination by the Crown, Mr. Li Tung, the witness in question, said he perceived certain irregularities connected with the posting of certain capital figures to represent these as assets, but was satisfied with the explanations given by Mr. Brewer and duly passed the balance sheet.

The first witness at the resumption of the proceedings yesterday was Mr. G. Labram, of Ye Olde Printers, which received an order from the Instone Banking Corporation to print 200 copies of the balance sheet (referred to for the sake of clarity as the Green Balance Sheet) for the first year of the Corporation's activities.

Cross-examined by Mr. E. Davidson for the defence, Mr. Labram said 200 copies were delivered on July 13, but before delivery of this lot, nothing else was sent except in the shape of proofs.

Miss Grace Ezra, Government stenographer, testified to having taken down a verbatim shorthand report of the proceedings connected with the public examination, in the Supreme Court on August 6 and 7, of Mr. Brewer. She transcribed those notes and produced them to Mr. Brewer when he called, on August 12 and 13. Mr. Brewer read them and made certain corrections of what he said were inaccuracies in the reporting. These alterations were subsequently gone over with Mr. Brewer after transcription, and Mr. Brewer signed them. Witness, in her turn, lodged the papers in official quarters.

Auditor's Evidence.

Mr. Li Tung, who was next called, said he had been auditor employed by the Instone Banking Corporation from the date of its establishment to April of last year. He audited the Balance Sheet dated April, 1928, doing this work on the premises of the Bank. Resumed every day at 5 p.m. the auditing occupied ten days, Mr. Brewer being the only person present.

Three balance sheets were produced, for the purposes of auditing, the first relating to the Hongkong Branch, the second to the Head Office, and the third, which was more in the nature of a return, to the Shekhi Branch. These three documents were typewritten.

He had already started auditing before being given, on a subsequent date, the Combined Balance Sheet purporting to incorporate the other three subsidiary Balance Sheets. The Shekhi books were not made available to witness, and he confined himself to looking over the Hongkong books, and received some little assistance from Mr. Rodriguez, the accountant of the Bank, on one sole occasion. All the auditing was done in Mr. Brewer's room, except when it was found necessary to go to Mr. Rodriguez's office on the occasion referred to.

Witness merely audited and checked the accounts, and did not make a balance sheet himself. The Combined Balance Sheet was given to him by Mr. Brewer himself, and he signed it on June 6, that representing the date on which he completed the auditing.

Uncalled Capital an Asset?

Arriving at this point in his statement, Mr. Li Tung was taken item by item over the Balance Sheet he had thus signed and attested as correct. The Public Prosecutor pointed out that thereon they had the authorised capital as \$10,000,000; the subscribed capital \$1,480,000; the allotted capital \$1,733,400; and also sundry debtors, loans and mortgages. He asked witness how he could reconcile these figures with the great disparities as depicted elsewhere.

Witness: Mr. Brewer called me over to sign it, but before I signed the Combined Balance Sheet I had noticed these differences.

Mr. Brewer called you over by telephone or did he?—I got the message over the telephone.

Whom did you see when you got there?—No one else besides Mr. Brewer.

Did you see Mrs. Brewer at all on any of those occasions connected with these balance sheets?—Not at all.

Asking witness to compare the Combined Balance Sheet with one of the subsidiary ones, the Public Prosecutor pointed out certain discrepancies in the Capital figures.

Witness replied: I found these differences myself and pointed them out to Mr. Brewer, who told me that if the uncalled capital was posted over to the assets side in the balance sheet, it would look better. Mr. Brewer also informed me that before becoming a barrister, he was a very good accountant.

Mr. Brewer further said that he had seen other banks and big emporiums making their balance sheets in that way. I asked him to explain more fully why he should class "uncalled capital" as an asset and posted it as such in the balance sheet. His explanation was that he had asked certain shareholders to sign certain application forms, and having signed it, they would be held responsible for the backing up of this uncalled capital.

The question was also asked by witness why Mr. Brewer should desire to swell these capital figures, and he replied that such shareholders could be called upon at any time to make up for such capital.

In your opinion it should not be included?—Yes, I did raise objections on this score, and Mr. Brewer was offended.

Mortgages and Long-Term Loans. Questioned with regard to mortgages and long-term loans as displayed in the Combined Balance Sheet, witness admitted he never saw any mortgage deeds proving such items, except that he found the figures to be correct after having compared them with those on the subsidiary balance sheets.

Why did you put your name to a balance sheet bearing mortgages when you were not shown any?—I relied on those figures in the other balance sheets and on Mr. Brewer's assurances that these figures were correct and was satisfied with the explanations he gave me. He said some of the mortgages were in Shekhi and as for the others, he said they could be taken as correct. When he told me that the total figure given of these mortgages was correct I did not pursue the matter further.

All you saw was the three balance sheets but no mortgages?—That is so.

Questioned with regard to the item collateral securities displayed on the Combined Balance Sheet, witness said Mr. Brewer told him that the item included money lent to shareholders.

The Public Prosecutor then put in the following document which he said was signed by a Mr. Chan Kwok-ming of No. 64 Bonham Strand:

"I hereby make an application to the Instone Banking Corporation for a personal loan of \$9,000, which sum I propose to use in payment of the balance outstanding on 100 Ordinary Shares applied for (or allotted to) me in my name, on which the sum of \$10 per share has been previously paid by me in cash. I agree that this loan, if accepted, shall be a lien on the



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said shares, and that in the event of my essaying to transfer or hypothecate the said shares, it shall be forthwith repayable without demand."

Witness said he had been shown a printed form similar to this application, and instantly pointed out to Mr. Brewer that that could not be no security. Mr. Brewer's reply to this was that when the Bank loaned money to shareholders on their shares, the Bank would have a first claim on those shareholders, and that signed bit of paper was the security.

The Public Prosecutor: You were satisfied to pass that as Collateral Securities?—Witness: I was not satisfied and made objections, but he said he was a barrister, and knew more about the law than I did, and could say that it was perfectly legal.

Shares and other Investments.

Witness was next questioned with regard to the items stocks, shares and other securities as displayed on the Combined Balance Sheet. He said he was shown a share scrip for \$145,000 by Mr. Brewer, who in explanation, said it was a share scrip of the Instone Trading Company. "I enquired what this trading company was, and he said it was an imports and exports company owning shares worth that figure. I next asked where that Company was located, and he said it was above the Bank. I was shown a scrip of shares which valued at \$1,000 each would amount to the figure shown."

Witness was next interrogated in regard to the item customers' deposits, shown on the Combined Balance Sheet as amounting to \$466,000, and he replied he was satisfied that this figure corresponded with that in a ledger and with those displayed on the three subsidiary balance sheets. He saw nothing peculiar in this item.

Mr. Brewer continued witness showed him those applications for shares and he was satisfied after Mr. Brewer had given an assurance as to the liability of the signatories under those amounts.

Printed Balance Sheet.

At this point, the Crown produced a balance sheet which was the one printed by Ye Olde Printers in its ultimate form and filed with the Registrar of Companies. It was green in colour, and witness was asked if he had seen it before.

Witness replied that he had seen such a balance sheet, after the one which he signed.

The Public Prosecutor: Did Mrs. Brewer ever ask you to sign a balance sheet like that?—She never did.

Were those arrangements as shown in the green balance sheet suggested by you or were they the work of someone else?—They were not mine. All I did was the auditing.

Who was it that presented it to you?—Mr. Brewer.

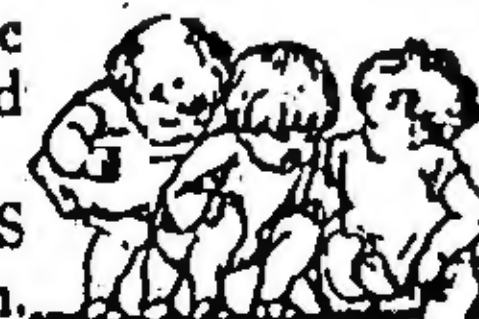
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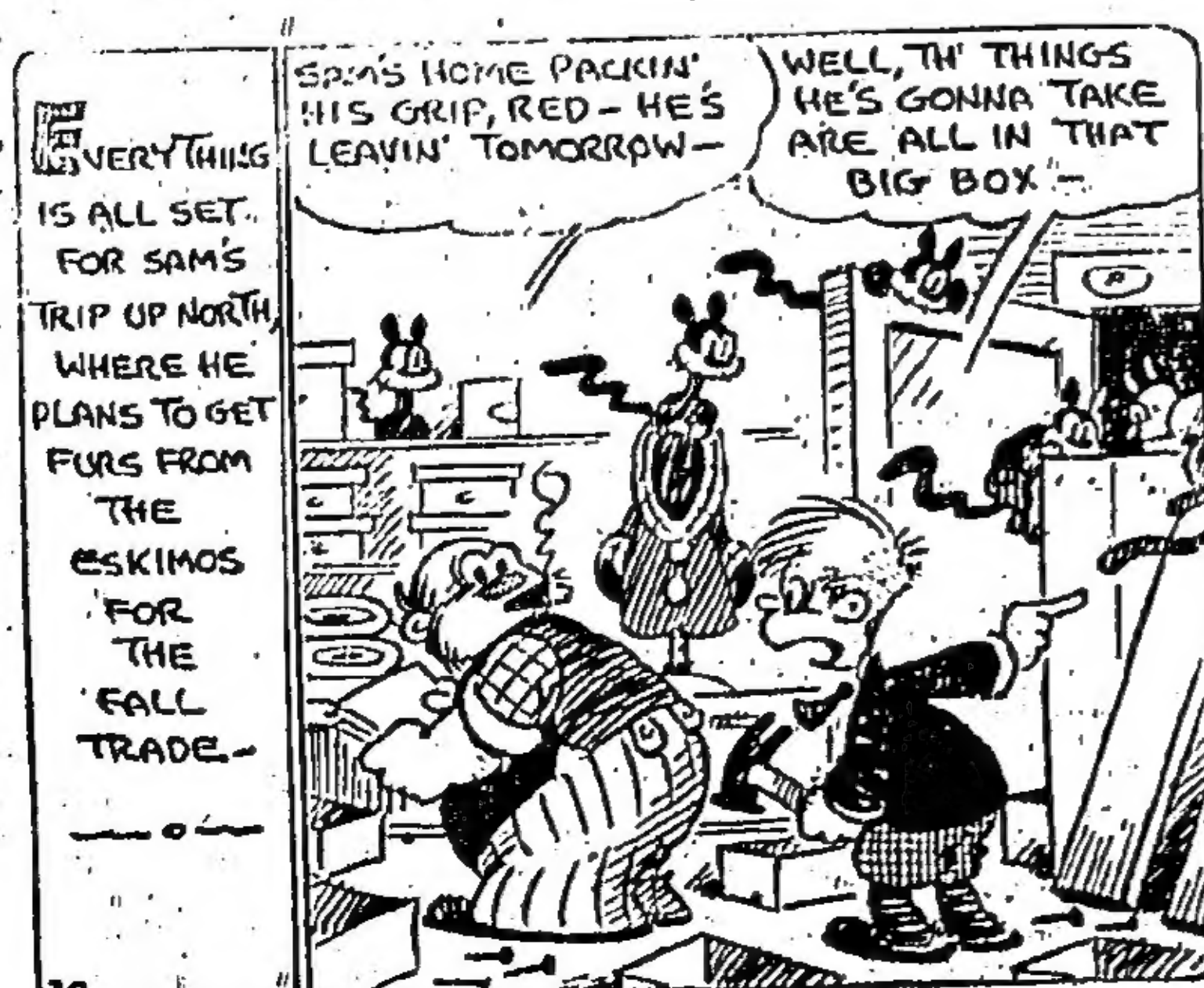
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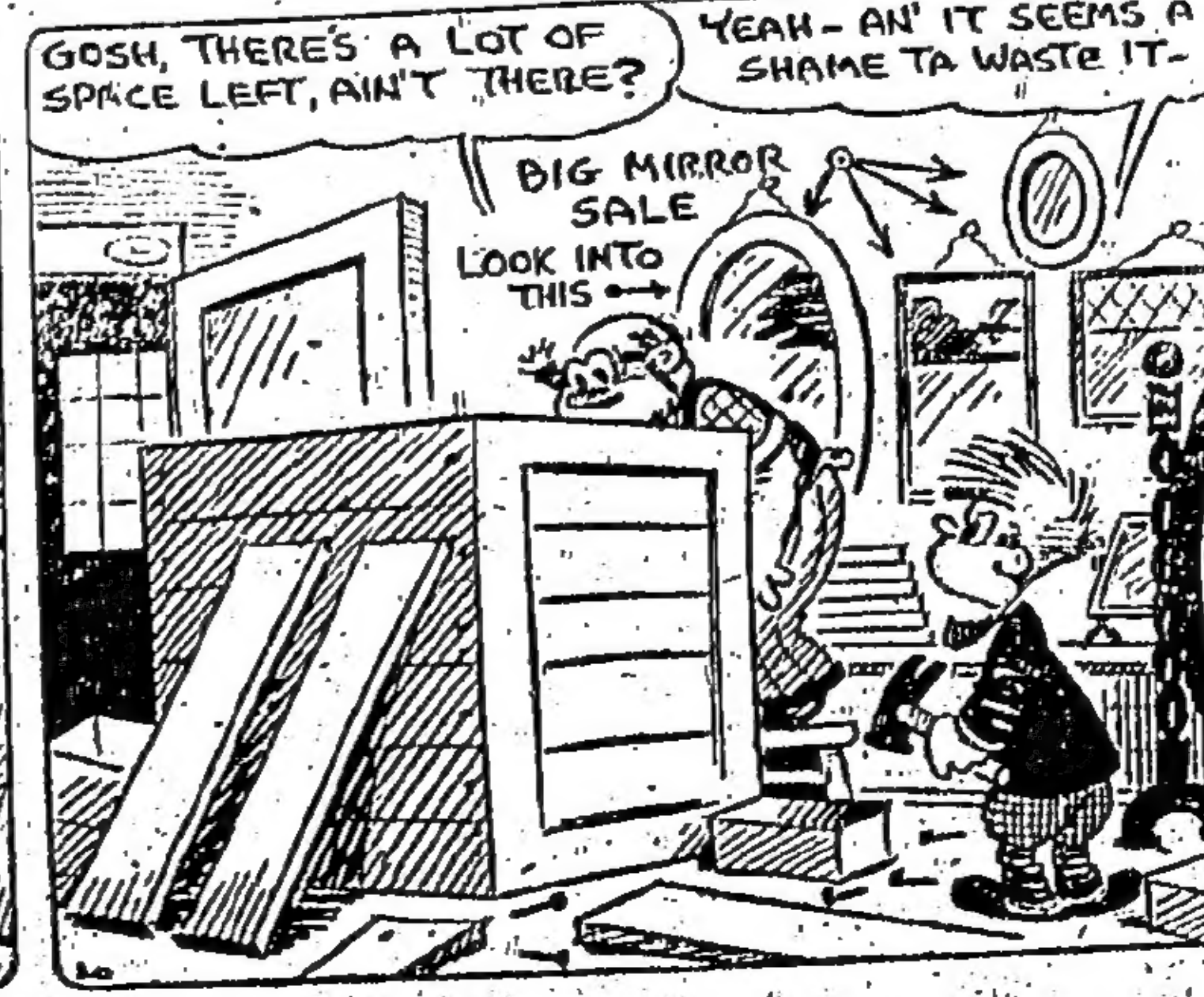
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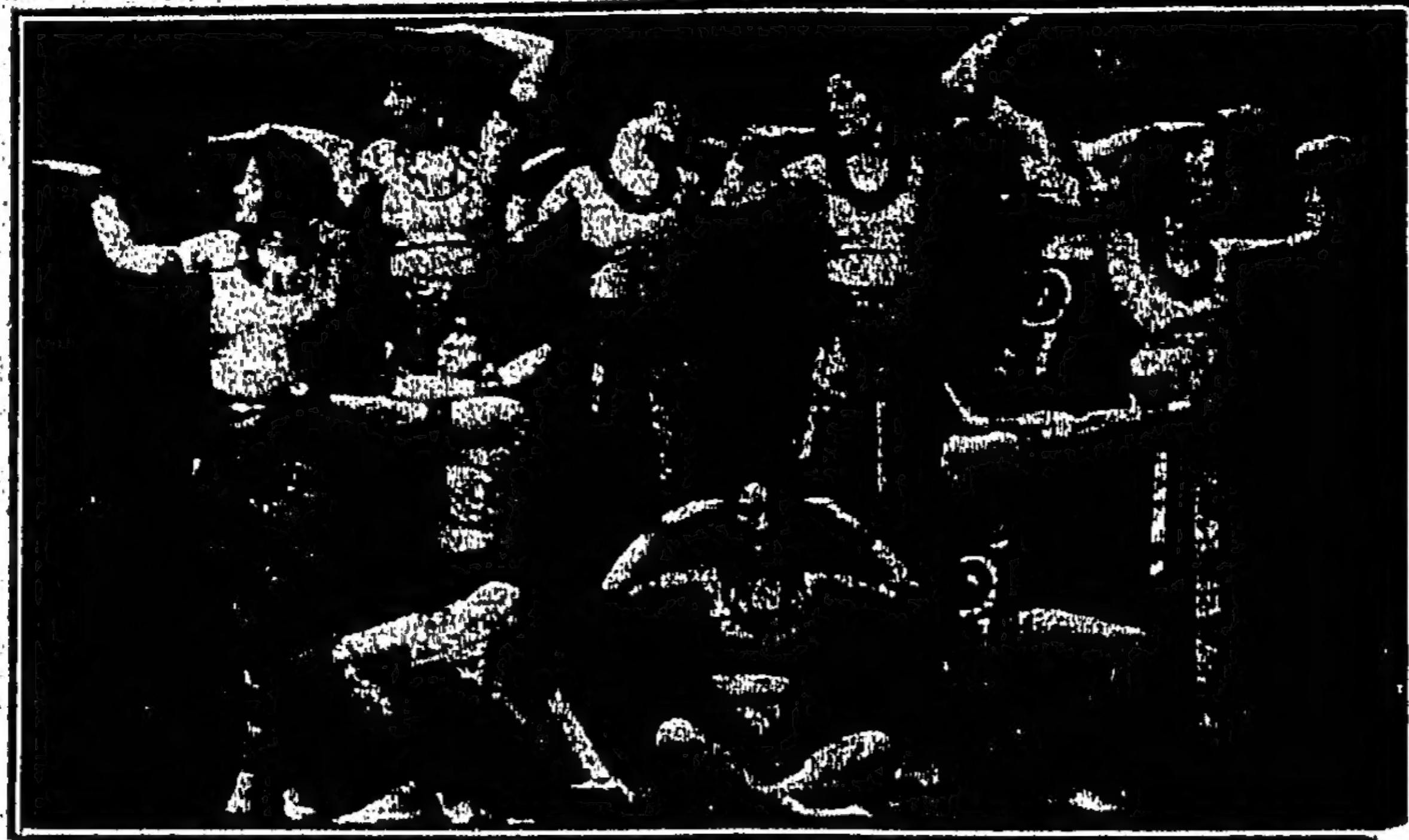
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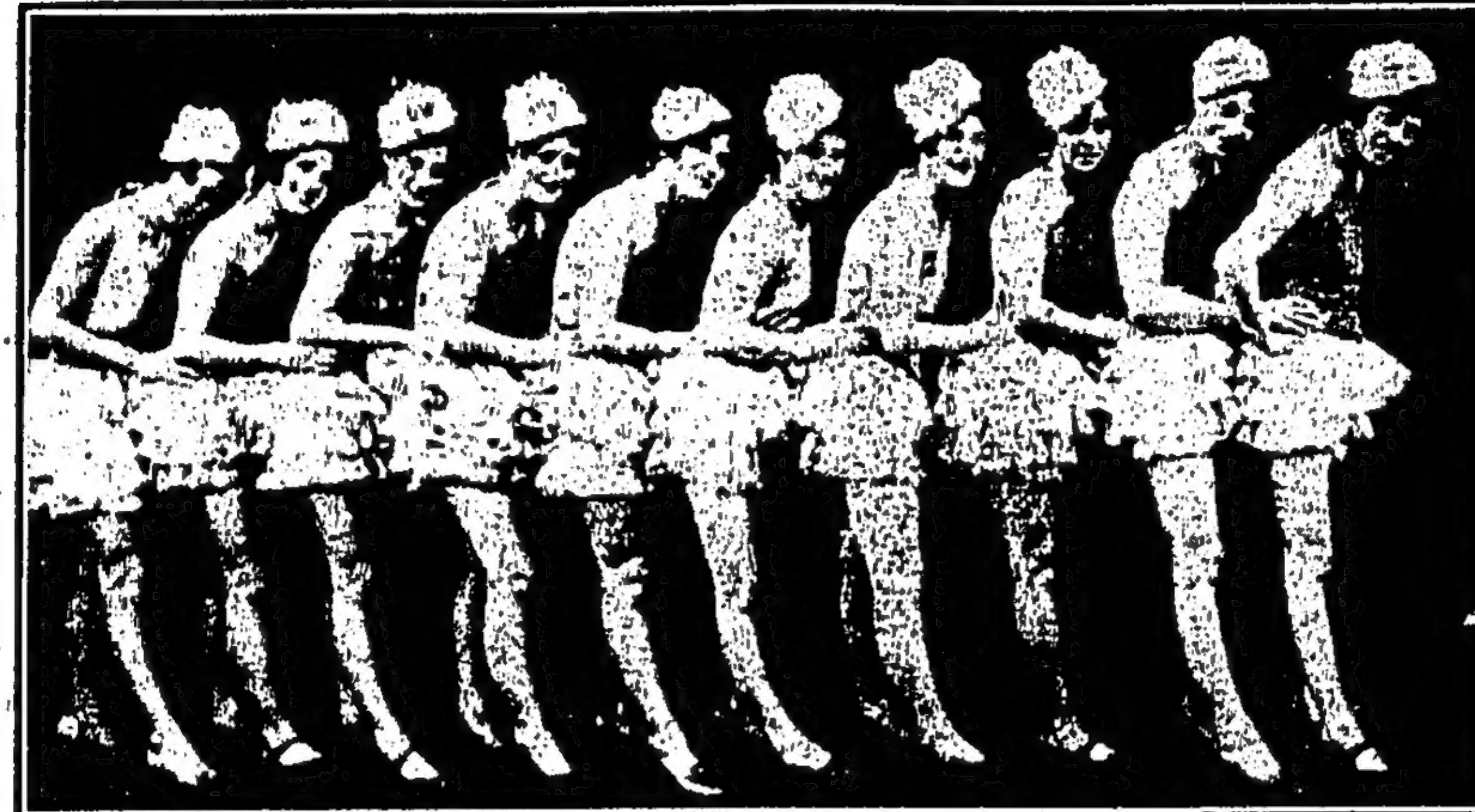
By Small



The famous New York Hotel, the Waldorf Astoria, now being dismantled, will rise again as a tremendous 46-story skyscraper. The new \$49,000,000 structure is shown above, in an architect's drawing, as it will appear in the heart of New York. The largest hotel in the world, it will even have its own railroad station for the convenience of guests.



"The Egyptian Frieze" a dance number in the revue "The Pink Ticket," which is being given by the Shanghai A.D.C.



Ten reasons for seeing "The Pink Ticket" Shanghai A.D.C.'s latest production.



Primo Carnera, the giant Italian boxer, who was disqualified for a foul on Stirling last week, is shown above walking down a Windsor street with Frankie Genaro, the flyweight champion (right) and another boxer. Carnera weighs 20 stones (280 lbs) and is 7 feet in height.



A fine Saturday afternoon called forth a large number of spectators to watch Shanghai's first paper hunt of the season.



Mr. N. L. Sparks, Master of the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club, in good company. On the extreme right is Mr. Stanley Wong, the first Chinese to be elected a steward of the Club.



Mrs. H. E. Maitland, snapped at the first paper hunt of the Shanghai season.



M. Bessedowsky, former official of the Soviet Embassy in Paris, whose property in Russia is to be confiscated.

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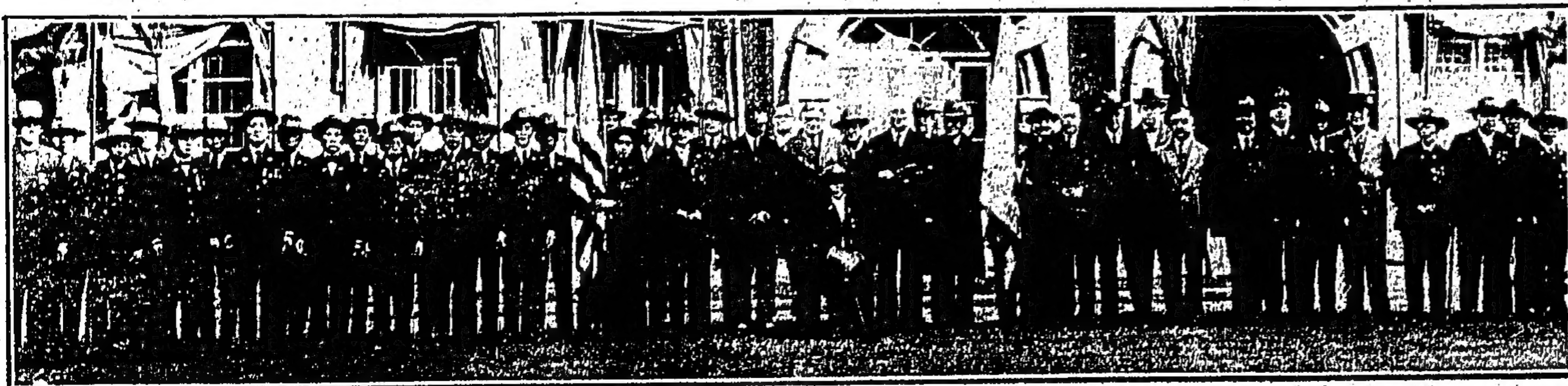
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Group taken outside the American Consulate-General in Shanghai on Thanksgiving Day of veterans of the Spanish-American War. With them is Mr. J. van A. MacMurray, retiring American Minister to China and Mr. E. S. Cunningham, U.S. Consul-General.

TO-DAY'S WANTS

25 WORDS — ONE DOLLAR

(\$1.50 IF NOT PREPAID)

The following replies have been received:—

295, 300, 301, 305, 306, 315 344, 363, 371,
374, 376, 381, 385, 411, 426, 427, 443, 445
455, 461, 462, 465, 474, 476, 486, 505, 512,
544, 545, 547, 550, 556, 566, 592, 595, 598.

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an Experienced Chinese English
TEACHER, good salary. Reply
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room, fully furnished apartment,
suitable for light house-keeping.
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kong Telegraph."

MISCELLANEOUS.

M.C.L. Victoria Branch. Mrs.
H. A. Taylor's raffle for one set
of table mats has been won by
ticket No. 43, (Miss Burnett).

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storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo
will be ready for delivery from Go-
down on and after 11th December.

Optional cargo will not be landed
here, unless notice has been given
prior to steamer's arrival but carried
on from port to port to the final port
of call to which the option extends.
All broken, chafed, and damaged
goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on any
Tuesdays and Fridays between the
hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within
the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the steamer's Go-
down, and all Goods remaining un-
delivered after the 17th December will
be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer
must be presented to the undersigned
on or before the 31st December, or
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Members are kindly requested
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1929.

E. W. L. HOGGIN,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Eleventh Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of Shareholders will be
held at the Head Office of the
Company, St. George's Building,
Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong,
on Saturday, the 21st day of
December, 1929, at 11.30 o'clock in
the forenoon, for the purpose of
receiving a Statement of Accounts
and the Report of the Directors
for the year ended 30th Septem-
ber, 1929, and electing Directors
and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
Thursday, 12th December, 1929,
until Saturday, 21st December,
1929, both days inclusive.

With reference to the Notice
dated 7th November, 1929, of the
Resolution of the Directors to
offer to Shareholders Additional
Shares in the proportion of one
new share for every four existing
shares, Shareholders are reminded
that such additional shares will
be offered only in respect of the
existing shares of which they are
the actual registered holders at
the date of the Ordinary Yearly
Meeting, i.e., 21st December, 1929.
Due notice will be sent to each
Shareholder of the number of
additional shares to which he will
be entitled.

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1929.

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G. R. NOTICE.

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TIONS** of the Sale by Public Auc-
tion to be held on MONDAY, the
16th day of December, 1929, at
3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public
Works Department, by Order of
His Excellency the Governor of
one Lot of Crown Land at Sham-
shuipo, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, for a term of 75 years, with
commencing from 1st July, 1898,
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Crown Rent to be fixed by the
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			feet	feet	feet	feet			
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New Kewdon Island Lot No. 1292.		Frontage of Chinese Sea near Road & Sewer Pipe					About 18,500		
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My Time Is Your Time.
22034 (Baby Where Can You Be,
You're Just Another Memory.
21888 (Outside,
Want You Tell.
21701 (It Goes Like This,
Doing the Raccoon.
21033 (Huggable Kissable You,
Every Moon's a Honeymoon.
21869 (Honey,
Sweet Suzanne.
22146 (Daddy Won't You Please,
Kiss Me.
22055 (I'm the Medicine Man,
Wouldn't Be Wonderful.
22067 (I Lift Up My Finger,
Laughing Marionette.
21822 (Under the Stars,
Blue Waters.
21921 (Mean To Me,
That's What I Call Heaven.
21903 (Under the Russian Moon,
One that I Love.
22110 (World's Great Sweetheart,
Don't Hang Your Troubles.
22020 (Heigh Ho Everybody,
Miss You.
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ENGLISH ACTORS.

SEVERAL IN "BEHIND THAT CURTAIN."

However well American screen players may be able to reproduce that familiar line of vocal inflection known as the "English accent", it is better done by English actors who were born with it, when it comes to playing character roles for movietone.

That was the theory which animated Irving Cummings, Fox Movietone director, in the selection of players for roles in the all-talking production "Behind That Curtain," adapted from Earl Derr Biggers' widely-read, story Scotland Yard mystery novel of the same title.

The romantic narrative begins with the murder of a barrister in his London offices, an inquiry by the police, and a Scotland Yard inspector, the quizzing of the charwomen and porter of the building, and as the dialogue is typical of the characters involved, all of them are portrayed by English players who have no illusions about the English accent.

Hilary Galt, the victim of the slayer, is played by Montague Shaw, and his deferential clerk is Finch Smith, another well-known English character man. Peter Gawthorne portrays the Scotland Yard inspector and the cockney pugilist is John Rogers, wholly devoid of "h's."

Even the three "bobbies" in the scene are broadshouldered British war veterans and the charwomen, who tremblingly answer the inspector's queries, would be quite at home in Ludgate Circus. Movietone demands realism in voice and accent as much as the screen does in background and dress and "Behind That Curtain" is the last word in realism.

Warner Baxter, Lois Moran and Gilbert Emery are featured in this special all talker which is being shown at the Queen's Theatre till tomorrow. George Middleton, one of America's best known playwrights wrote the dialogue.

A variety of colourful locales are seen ranging from London to India, into the desert, and San Francisco's Chinatown.

U.S. INVITES AID.

THE AWKWARD POSITION OF YUGO-SLAVIA.

Belgrade, Dec. 10. The United States Government has requested the Government of Yugo-Slavia, as a signatory of the Kellogg Pact, to send the same Note to the Chinese and Soviet Governments regarding Manchuria as was sent by the United States.

The Yugo-Slav Government has willingly accepted the invitation, but as it has no diplomatic relations with either the Chinese or Soviet Governments, has asked the United States Government to address an identical Note on behalf of Yugo-Slavia to China and Soviet Russia.—Reuter.

Bulgaria Joins In.

Sofia, Dec. 10. As a signatory to the Kellogg Pact, the Government has instructed the Bulgarian Minister in Paris to inform the Chinese and Soviet Embassies that Bulgaria associates herself unreservedly with the United States and other Powers in endeavouring to secure the maintenance of peace in Manchuria.—Reuter.

TRAIN DISASTER.

DERAILMENT CLOSE TO NAMUR STATION.

Brussels, Dec. 10. Seventeen persons were killed and 48 injured in the derailment of a workman's train at the entrance to Namur station.

The disaster was due to the brakes failing while the train, from Brussels, was descending a gradient.

Later. It is officially announced that nine were killed and 40 injured in the Namur disaster.—Reuter.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Simplicity Marks the latest Coiffures.

New York.—Long skirts cannot possibly mean long hair this winter, in the opinion of Antoine, famous Parisian hair-dresser, just arrived for his semi-annual visit here.

Since Antoine dresses (or "sculpts," as he calls it) the most famous heads of his own country



Ingenue... one-sided part, a temple curl.

and others, his forecasts are apt to sum up hirsute-chic for some time to come.

Hair may be a little longer, in the back so one may have a dainty snood or curls. Maybe a trifle longer on the sides, to allow for a softer and more feminine coiffure. But long hair that reaches to the waist—shades of mid-Victorian days—is old-fashioned, hampering, ridiculous for this active age. It's out of keeping with today's sleek women and therefore is "out," once and for all. So says Antoine.



Sophisticated... with a bandeau for curls.

"The epitome of chic today is simplicity, comfort and naturalness," Antoine explained. The Victorian age has no inspiration for us. Styles were artificial, tortuous, at variance with the spirit of smartness today. They reflected the age. Today's coiffures must

do the same thing. The historic period that is in accord with modern art and life is the Greek age. There is inspiration there, for moderns, in their out-door dances, their sports, their freedom.

But, though length of hair is not affected by the changing silhouette, the coiffure itself is, according to Antoine. Softer, feminine lines call for a head silhouette in keeping, while sports clothes need a sleek, casual hair arrangement.

Antoine, therefore, has styles of coiffures for various times of the day, as well as varieties for different types of women. For morning sportswear, the smart woman may wear her hair swirled, not back and downwards, but up and forward, across her forehead and following down on the other side. For afternoon, with



Innocent curls... they're very young.

perhaps a high tea in her own home, Antoine suggests a coiffure of tiers of curls, an arrangement suitable only when she is not going to wear a hat. When night advances and Milady dons glamorous evening clothes, with swaying long lines and molded princess silhouette, she needs a coiffure expressing at the same time her sleek chic and her delicate femininity.

For this evening coiffure Antoine has almost as many ideas as he has women patrons! For one woman with gorgeous blonde hair, he masses fine curls on the top of her head, leaving the hair around her face and neck straight. This he smooths down and moistens with hair oil until it shines like ribbon; and with this he bands her head snugly, pinning the hair with handsome plain combs until it makes a bandeau of itself.

For the ingenue with delicate features he brings the hair down straight, with a curl over each temple, and catches a little cluster of curls in the nape of the neck. For the sportswoman who prefers utter simplicity, he combs the hair back and up from the



Sleek, swirled... in the best sports mode.

temples, into a soft, high roll from front to the nape of the neck, holding the roll on one side with combs. These should be plain, the colour of the hair.

One ultra-sophisticated coiffure combs the hair back and up from the face, making a roll of fine, soft curls from the top of the head to the nape of the neck and drops a single little curl down over the top half of each ear.

Antoine is very modern and very independent in his ideas. For instance, he would like to see the most regal party gowns adopt py-



Tiers of curls... to wear with tea-gowns.

jama lines. He likes them. The best dressed women in the world are those wearing pyjamas at Cannes or on the Riviera. Pyjamas are ultra-modest, can be tremendously feminine and set off a woman's beauty as skirts never can.

Your Children.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

I wonder if a great many mothers are not completely at sea about the new way of disinfection after contagious illnesses.

Not so many years ago we had a serious case of scarlet fever in the family. When the quarantine was lifted, the health board fairly tore the house to pieces in their zeal to disinfect us—with the family as very willing helpers. We wanted that feeling of safety and purity for not only ourselves, but our friends. Indeed, to make doubly sure, we bought a new set of disinfecting lamps after they were through, and fumigated the house all over again. Everything that would stand scrubbing was scrubbed with soap and water or an antiseptic solution and everything movable was sunned in the yard, or burned. One whole bookcase was burned because we were

not sure which books had been handled when the disease was still incubating.

Changing Times.

A few years later, another child had scarlet fever—a very severe case of it, contracted away from home.

When the quarantine was lifted, and the sign taken down, the health board did not fumigate. We could do it ourselves if we wished to, they told us, recommending a good airing and free use of soap and water, but that was all.

Evidently the state law had been changed, in the meantime. I don't know what the theory about disinfecting is now—probably just fresh air, sunlight, and soap and water, as it was then. But I believe, as the law is often different in different states, that it would be a splendid idea for each mother to inform herself on the subject.

For Your Protection.

It's a good thing to know any-

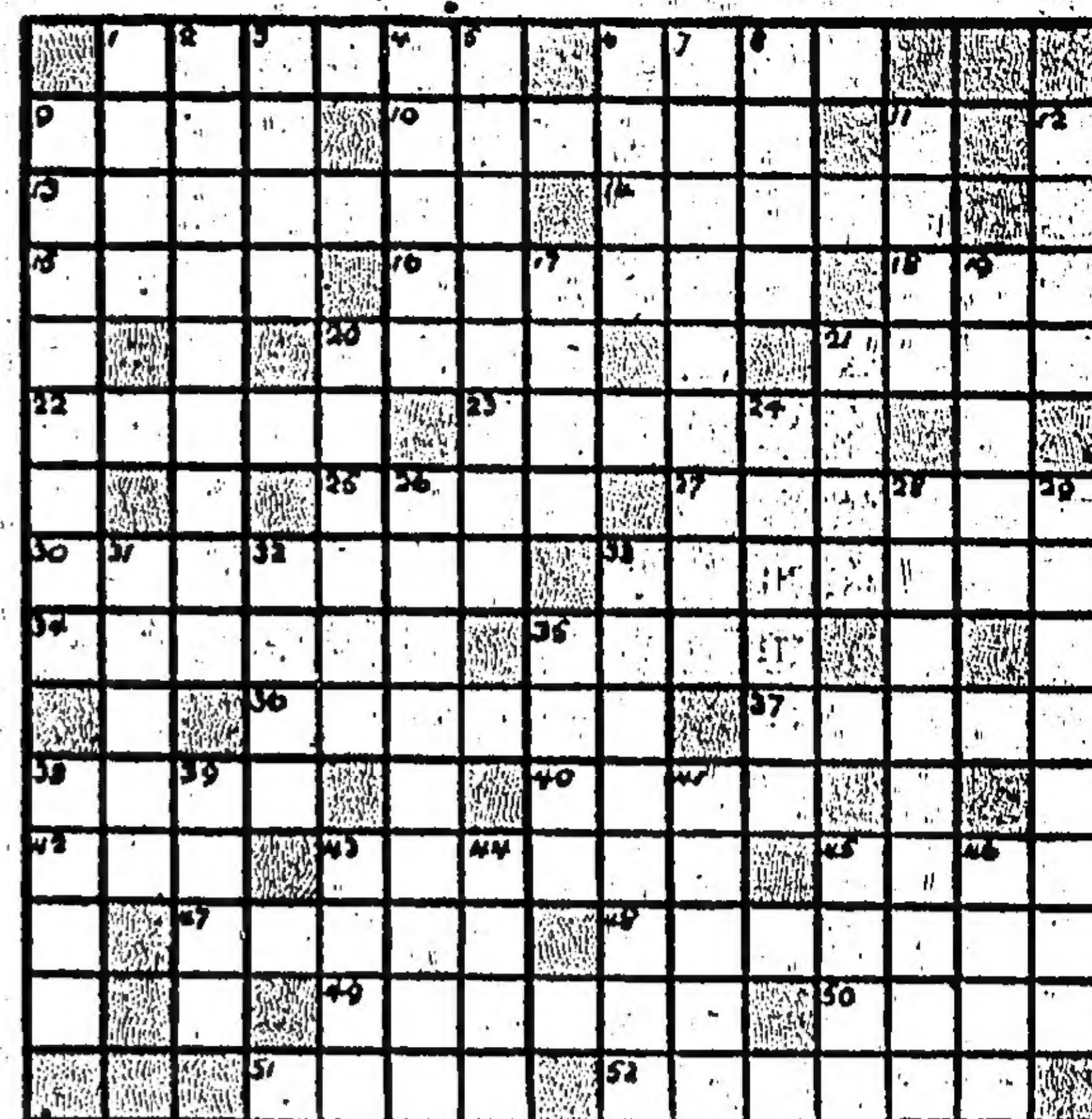
how. We used to burn the easily managed formaldehyde lamps that were inexpensive and little trouble. One had to take care to set each lamp in a pan of water when burning, well away from clothing or paper, and keep the room tightly closed for a day; that was all. The fumes are very penetrating. I had great faith in these little lamps.

It is well known that the germs of different diseases live for different periods of time after the patient is better. In some contagious diseases, all germs are harmless after the patient has ceased giving them off through the breath or excretions.

But some linger longer. I believe.

And I think it would be very wise as well as satisfying to ask your doctor or the head of the health board the best way to purify the house after any contagious illness, and thus keep the rest of the family safe.

OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



- Across
- Hoisted.
 - Cry like an ass.
 - Having toes.
 - Head ornament.
 - Assoverates.
 - Dwelling.
 - Egyptian goddess.
 - Value.
 - Donkey.
 - Conceal.
 - Inspect.
 - Musical drama.
 - Branch of a horn.
 - Spreads new-mown grass.
 - Pour in by drops.
 - Name.
 - Porridge.
 - Beaten.
 - Solitary.
 - Eastern.
 - Let again.
 - Insane.
 - Light knocks.
 - Common tree.
 - Beats of matter.
 - Towering flight.
 - Love ardently.
 - Outrun.
 - Lets.
 - Weapons.
 - Eward.
 - Separate one's self.
- Down
- Molecule.
 - Practised making men's clothes.
 - Vegetable.
 - Comfortable.
 - Factors of a thousand.
 - Spray.
 - Ring.
 - At first.
 - Pierces.
 - Tree with purple berries.
 - Board at end of a cart.
 - Reproven.
 - Naked statues.
 - Irritate.
 - Vegetables.
 - Italian coin.
 - Market.
 - Fake.
 - Hesitate.
 - Only.
 - Peruse.
 - Foretell.
 - Highest point.

Yesterday's Solution.



A RECORD TRIP.

HONGKONG-LIVERPOOL IN TWENTY-TWO DAYS.

The s.s. Empress of France has made a record breaking trip, doing this journey from Hongkong to Liverpool via Suez in 22 days.

The vessel sailed from Hongkong at noon on November 10, and the Canadian Pacific Company in Hongkong has been informed by cable that she arrived at Liverpool last Sunday afternoon, December 8.

It will be recalled that the Empress of France was scheduled to return to Europe from Hongkong via Victoria, Vancouver and the Panama Canal, but owing to the accident to the Empress of Canada it was necessary for the Empress of France to return to the Orient carrying the passengers booked on the stranded vessel.

As previous arrangements for the dry docking of the Empress of France had been made in England, it was necessary that she should return from Hongkong by the shortest and quickest route. Considerable alterations are to be made to the liner before she enters on a winter cruising programme from New York.

HAITI TROUBLES.

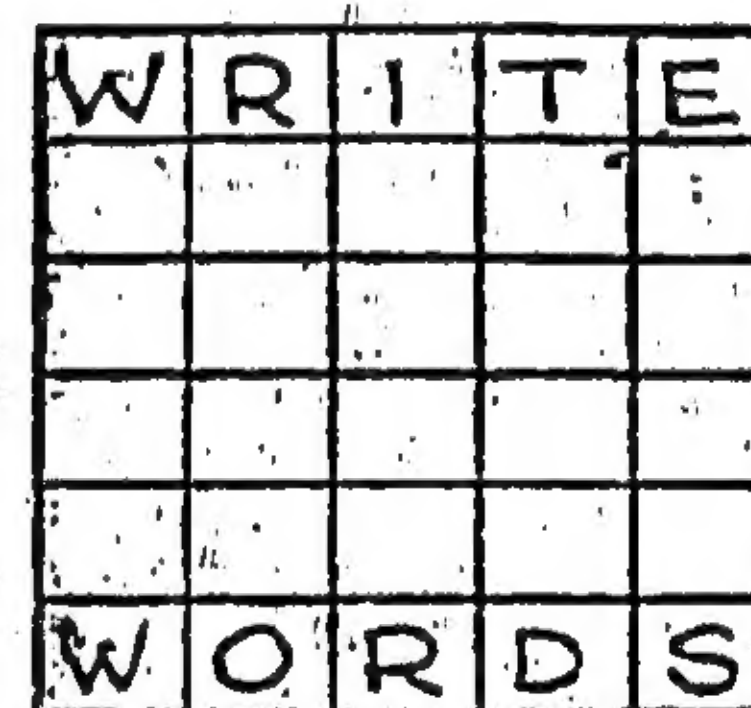
CALM RESTORED IN THE REPUBLIC.

Port-au-Prince, Dec. 10.

The authorities are now convinced that calm has been permanently restored. The President has issued a manifesto attributing the disorders to "ambitious in-penitents" desiring to profit by

LETTER GOLF.

You have to WRITE WORDS in every letter golf puzzle—but especially in to-day's.



1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2.—You can change only one letter at a time.

3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4.—The order of letters cannot be changed. One solution is printed on another page.

the downfall of the Government, and tributing the American authorities for their efficient intervention under the treaty with Haiti.—Reuter's American Service.

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THE ECONOMIC
OUTLOOK.

The student of politics and economics will find much food for thought on analysing Mr. J. H. Thomas' approach to the problem of unemployment. He will find that the most striking aspect of Mr. Thomas' proposals is that as a member of a Labour, and to some extent Socialist, Government his policy cannot be greatly differentiated from that of the other parties. He adopts in part the Liberal scheme of the renewal of industry by the development of public works, in part the Conservative scheme of the growth and development of Empire trade. But he says nothing at all about the reconstruction of society at Home, and the redistribution of wealth so as to encourage that interchange of goods within the bounds of the nation itself which one might expect from his party. That again is probably not because the Government cannot command a majority for such far-reaching changes as that he himself is not convinced that salvation lies that way. He is said to pin his faith in the main on the development of our overseas trade.

Now, given the present state of political and economic opinion in England it may well be that no other courses are open but those Mr. Thomas is taking. The question remains, however, whether these methods of meeting the situation are anything more than palliatives. Conceivably they may carry us through another century or two; before that point the whole modern economic system may have come to an end, and have taken with it civilisation as we know it. It is this prospect that makes the examination of Socialistic theory so urgent. No one is frightened of the word "Socialism" to-day. The day when it meant the sharing by those who have not of the goods of those who have, is gone. Every party in the State has conceded more and more to Socialistic ideas, so far as this means that the State is ultimately responsible for the welfare of all its citizens, and cannot leave them to the tender mercies of the laissez faire school, in which the strong economically win the battle of life, and the weakest, including women and children, go to the wall. The only practical question is whether by unlimited extension

of markets, trade can be kept on its feet so as to provide for an ever-growing population, among which the standard of life is ever rising; or whether by a reorganisation of society what is produced by any national group can be huddled and proportioned to the needs of the group, and trade be made more mobile and flexible, so that what the group requires can be produced, and what is not required can be cut out.

This antithesis may seem to be chimerical, and the economic problem involved be so far beyond the brain to solve. It does not mean the end of the capitalist system; it does mean the State oversight of capital for the good of the community. Its complexity should not appal more than the prospect of the future opened up to us by the alternative. That alternative is an unending competition for markets among the progressive nations of the world, carrying with it the exploitation of the nations which are economically weaker and the unavoidable rivalry of those which are stronger. Above all, America now enters the world rivalry for markets and raw materials in a daily increasing intensity. Through the last century she had her ever receding western boundary to fill out. Now that she has reached the Pacific coast her problems begin. The immensity of her business enterprise and its far-reaching reverberations have just been illustrated by the Wall Street slump. She is threatened with an unemployment problem which is to be staved off by a system of public works such as the Government is contemplating in England. But that can be only palliative till the next boom and in future may come another slump, worse than before, as the trade of the country depends more and more on external markets.

The system of trade which depends on these ever-extending markets seems like moving to a point when there will be complete congestion, and when only a reorganisation of society on a new economic basis may avail to save the world from a complete break-up of civilisation. There is more hope of that calamity being averted by the development of political institutions in England than in any other country. No political system is so stable and so flexible. One would hope that while Mr. Thomas seeks at present such temporary solutions as may be to hand to cure the evil of unemployment, the large question will not be lost sight of, and what is done be recognised for what it is, no fundamental solution of the difficulty, but merely an attempt to tide over from one hard time to another.

Shanghai's Future.

However repugnant the idea to the die-hard is likely to be gained by hiding the fact that radical changes in the future status of Shanghai will accompany the gradual relinquishment of extrajurisdiction in China. The lead taken by the Shanghai Municipal Council, therefore, to formulate some constructive scheme whereby this change may take place with due consideration for Chinese aspirations and the need for the protection of foreign interests during the transition period, will be welcomed by Chinese and foreigners alike. Mr. Justice Feetham, one of the most eminent of living jurists, has been appointed as an expert adviser to the Council, to examine the whole question from every angle and ultimately to work out a scheme which will accomplish the end in view with safety. The South African Chief Justice, now on his way to Shanghai, is visiting the great international metropolis as a judge, and there can be no question that he fulfils the requirements of the Council that their advice should come from an entirely disinterested and open-minded source. Mr. Justice Feetham has already had considerable experience with issues of a similar character. He has dealt with great success in such problems as the delimitation of boundaries and Indian devolution, while he is an authority on matters municipal. The task he has undertaken is not an easy one by any means. It is one which can at the same time appeal and attract merely because of its intricacies. That he will handle it worthily we have every confidence. The Shanghai Municipal Council is to be congratulated both upon its decision and its choice.

DAY BY DAY.

JUDGE OF A MAN BY HIS QUESTIONS RATHER THAN BY HIS ANSWERS.—Voltaire.

A useful desk calendar is to hand from Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

The Ben Line a.s. Bendoran, from Manila, is due here on Friday morning.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company advises us that the price of Shell petrol has been reduced by four cents per gallon.

Lieut. (F.O., R.A.F.) P. W. Humphreys, G. G. R. Rodd, R. H. S. Roundell, and N. S. Luard have been appointed to H.M.S. Hermes (Dec. 12).

The silk forwarded from Hongkong by the Empress of Canada on the 16th November arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 6th December, having been 20 days in transit.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul acknowledge with grateful thanks the following:—Brunner Mond and Co., fancy articles; Mrs. A. C. Botelho, fancy articles; and A. S. Watson and Co. Aerated Waters.

Police Sergeant Pepperill, officer in charge of the Kowloon Court, brought a man before Mr. W. Schofield this morning on a charge of cruelty to a chicken by carrying it by its wings in Public Square Street. The defendant, on admitting the charge, was fined \$5.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Asama Maru to-day were Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. Wastell, Paymr.-Capt. L. C. E. Ayre, Lieut. D. P. Evans, Paymr.-Lieut. V. G. H. Weekes, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Miss Scott Harston, and Mr. A. J. Heard.

On conviction of a summons accusing her of throwing household refuse into the street, a female tenant of No. 6 Taku Street, Hongkong, was fined \$7 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. A man, who admitted that his children had thrown sugar cane skin into the street, was fined \$5.

Pleading guilty to a charge of larceny of two empty oil tins from a filling station in Argyle Street, a Chinese, who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour. The defendant, who had one previous conviction for stealing, was stated to have been seen taking the tins from the rear of the premises.

Wong Chi-chau, alias Wong Sze Hing Tong, a native of Kun Yiu Village, Nam Hoi District, who died at No. 16, Lyndhurst Terrace on February 7, 1929, left Hongkong estate worth \$76,600. Letters of administration have been granted to Wong Leung-shi, widow, residing at the Lyndhurst Terrace address. A son and three concubines have renounced their titles.

Mr. T. H. U. Aldridge, Vice-President and General Manager of the Shanghai Power Company, is relinquishing his office on December 15, and will at an early date proceed to London, via New York, where he will be associated with the American and Foreign Power Company. Mr. C. S. Taylor, Deputy Manager of the Shanghai Power Company, will succeed Mr. Aldridge in this post.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 10.
Paris	124.02
Brussels	34.875
Amsterdam	12.005
Berlin	20.69
Copenhagen	18.105
Vienna	34.68
Helsingfors	194.4
Lisbon	108.25
Bucharest	318
Buenos Aires	46 7/32
Shanghai	2 1/2
Yokohama	2/0 3/32
New York	4.88 1/2
Geneva	25.13
Milan	93.20
Stockholm	18.095
Oslo	18.205
Prague	104.4
Madrid	36.05
Athens	876
Rio	5 25/32
Bombay	1/5 29/32
Hong Kong	1/8 1/2
Silver (spot)	22 1/2
Silver (forward)	22 1/2

—British Wireless.

THEFT OF PULLEY
BLOCKS.SLIGHT EVIDENCE BY
POLICE.

Owing to lack of evidence connecting a coal coolie with the theft of three pulley blocks from the Italian Warship Libia, charges of larceny and of receiving were not sustained when the man appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

The defendant denied both charges and before calling evidence, Detective Sergeant Humphreys intimated that the prosecution could not trace witnesses to connect the defendant with the theft of all three blocks and desired to amend the charge in respect of one block.

The charge being amended, Lieut. Boti Ugo gave evidence of having lost three pulley blocks. The discovery was made at about 1 p.m. on Monday, after the coal coolies had left the warship.

Prosecuting officer remarked that the evidence was rather scanty. The pulley blocks were reported stolen and a detective was sent to Wanchai to the foreman of the gang of coal coolies who had been on the warship to ask him to assist the Police to trace the stolen articles.

The defendant was questioned and he took the head coolie to Praya East where one of the blocks was recovered. The evidence, said Detective Sergeant Humphreys, was very slight.

His Worship remarked that the defendant evidently knew where the block was to be found but if the prosecution were not prepared to prove anything more, the only thing they could do would be to ask defendant if he was willing to be bound over to be of good behaviour.

The prosecuting officer intimated that the defendant had accused seven others of larceny but they could not bring them before the Court on the defendant's word.

Addressing the defendant, his Worship pointed out that it was quite clear the charges could not be substantiated and asked whether he would be willing to sign a bond for \$50 to be of good behaviour for one year.

The defendant agreed. In reply to his Worship as to whether the other two blocks had been recovered the police officer said that one of them was found hidden under the sand on the Praya East while the other was recovered from a marine store dealer's shop. An unknown person had taken it back to the coolie shop.

All the coolies who were working on the Libia had since absconded and it was impossible to say who was responsible for the theft.

The defendant was accordingly ordered to sign a bond for his future behaviour.

ARMED JEWS' SHOTS.

POLICE OFFICER'S
ALLEGATION.

Jerusalem, Nov. 5. Major Foley, Superintendent of Police in the Northern District, giving evidence before the Commission of Inquiry this morning, said he believed that the disturbances at Haifa were a repercussion of the events in Jerusalem, although the Moslems had been excited over the question of the Walling Wall for some time previously.

In reply to a question to Mr. Stoker, counsel for the Arabs, witness said that it was true that three cars filled with armed Jews had driven through the streets firing upon Arabs of both sexes.

Replying to Sir F. Boyd Merriam, counsel for the Jews, Major Foley said that there had been extreme uneasiness among the Moslems at Haifa as early as August 19.

Answering a question as to whether it was correct that Mr. Miller, a prominent Jewish resident, had been arrested for firing from his house and marched handcuffed through the streets, witness replied that it was the customary manner of taking prisoners to the lock-up.

"No Hostility to Jews."

Witness, continuing, said it was not correct to say that he was an enemy of the Jews, but he was not surprised that some such feeling existed because, in the interests of the whole community, he had inflicted punishment upon a number of young Jews who had not obeyed orders.

In reply to a question whether in the course of an interview with Jewish notables at Haifa on August 27 witness had finished with the words, "After all your fellows started the row," or words to that effect, Major Foley replied that he did not think that he had used such words, as he did not consider that that was the case.

In conclusion he said that he now considered that the demonstrations by Arabs on the night of August 24 had started the trouble at Haifa.—Reuter.

The Very Idea!

James Brown, a Northern Transvaal prospector, valued his pick more than his life, but managed to retain both when he encountered a huge python.

The snake was asleep and coiled up with its head stretched out. Brown crept up quietly and drove his light prospecting pick through the snake's head into the ground—then jumped clear.

The python, with its head pinned to the ground, spun round and round, and eventually worked the pick loose. Then it made for a rocky outcrop nearby, with the pick still fast in its head.

Afraid of losing his pick, Brown grabbed the python by the tail and held on grimly. Twice he fell, and was dragged sixty yards before the struggle ended with the sudden death of the snake.

The snake measured 17ft. 9in. Brown is 6ft. 2in. tall and weighs more than 200lb.

Appropos of a recent story of a forgetful child shopping for its mother, a correspondent in a Home paper recalls a tale heard in her youth of a very different child.

In this case it was a North Country child who was sent to shop, and when asked by the shopkeeper what she required, replied airily, "Keeps a shop and does not know what a body wants."

"Is it soap?" she was asked.

"Soap, and ma mither washed yesterday!"

"Is it sugar?"

"Sugar in a mutton pie!"

"Pepper?"

"I thought I should have had to have telled ye!"

The child's attitude seems distinctly "modern," but the most leisurely of country shopkeepers nowadays would scarcely stand such outrageous behaviour by a customer.

Witness at Bow County Court: Women like to use a little bad language; it makes them look grown up.

Wife at Willesden: I know I bot, but my husband drinks, and that's a gamble, isn't it?

Mrs. Alden was about to engage a new servant girl. "And do you have to be called in the morning?" she asked the applicant.

"I don't has to be mum," the girl replied, "unless you happens to need me."—Pathfinder.

(Oranges are recommended as an infallible cure for depression.)

No more when matters go awry do I feel tempted to

Regard the world with jaundiced eye

And take a sombre view;

I utilise a tangerine

And thereby overcome my spleen.

The reason why this fruit has got such potency is clear,

And I'm surprised that it has not been known for many a year;

When oranges you suck (or sip)

You must, of course, discard the pips.

Yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board occupied about two minutes. It was stated that Major D. G. Cheyne O.B.E., M.C., R.A.M.C., would take the place on the board of Lieut. Col. and Bravet Col. J. S. Bostock C.B.E., R.A.M.C., and that the next meeting would be held on December 23 at 4 p.m. instead of on the following day. The other business was formal.

WHO WAS.....

TOM GROGAN?

The stevedores of New York Harbour were openly resentful and secretly jealous when they found out that one of the most successful among them belonged to the female sex. It cast such a reflection upon their powers that a woman should prove herself so capable in a man's job.

But "Tom Grogan" took no notice of their resentment or of their jealousy. For one thing she could not afford to, with a small daughter and a crippled son dependent upon her earnings; and for another she was too proud and independent a spirit to care what any man thought or felt. So she carried on her husband's business and refused to join the Knights of Labor.

In revenge the other stevedores set fire to her property, tried to blackmail and even to murder her. Measures which failed to daunt Mrs. Grogan.

In the face of opposition and danger she was all energy and determination, though to her children she was the embodiment of love and tenderness.

This fearless, great-hearted woman is the heroine of a novel by F. Hopkinson Smith.

WORLD'S FASTEST
PHOTO LENS.ONCE AGAIN BRITAIN LEADS
THE WORLD.

LATEST INVENTION.

The many people who have always understood that the best photographic lenses are of German manufacture, and that British lenses are inferior, will welcome the news that not only were British lenses proved conclusively to be superior in 1917 and onwards, but that British manufacturers lead the way in supplying keen amateur photographers with lenses of very fast aperture.

Messrs. J. H. Dallmeyer, Ltd., were the first lens manufacturers to startle the photographic world with the announcement of a lens for reflex and press camera work, having an aperture of F. 2.3. This was the famous "Pentac" Lens. About nine months later, Messrs. Taylor, Taylor, Hobson, followed this by producing the now well known F. 2.5 lens, which was introduced and demonstrated in Hongkong and the Far East by Mr. Denis H. Hazell.

With the growing popularity of amateur cinematography, and the proficiency displayed by these amateur users, to take cine "shots" at all times and in all sorts of places, a demand was created for a faster lens than supplied by the first Kodak cine camera, having a F. 3.5 lens.

Messrs. Dallmeyer and Taylor, Hobson, manufactured F. 1.9 lenses for Victor and Filmo cine cameras, and then Messrs. Dallmeyer again led the field by producing a 1" cine lens having the extraordinary speed of F. 1.5, which was nearly six times faster than the F. 3.5, and made indoor cinematography and outdoors in dark places a practical possibility. Messrs. Taylor, Hobson, produced a F. 1.8 lens.

This F. 1.5 lens appeared to satisfy the speed demands of the keen amateur for the time, especially as Messrs. Kodak's fast lens necessary for their colour cinematography was only the comparatively low aperture of F. 1.9, and this is the fastest lens that can be fitted to a Kodak cine camera. The improved models, however, of the Victor and Filmo cameras of American manufacture, as well as the new Auto-Kinecam of British make, have wisely been made with a lens fitting having a universal thread so that cine enthusiasts need not take what lens the camera manufacturer wishes to supply, but have the opportunity of fitting any type of lens they prefer.

However, as amateur cinematography has progressed and is now becoming increasingly popular, so enthusiasts are wishing to make cine pictures in most inaccessible places, and under all sorts of extremely bad light conditions.

The "Wonder Lens."

Once again, the British lens manufacturer has led the world, and Messrs. J. H. Dallmeyer, Ltd., of London, have just produced their "Cine Wonder Lens," working at the amazing fast aperture of F. 0.99.

This remarkable speed will be the letter appreciated by the reader when it is realised that the "Wonder Lens" is 12 times faster than the F. 3.5 and over twice the speed of the F. 1.5 lens. This is, of course, the highest aperture lens that has ever been produced and offered to the photographic world, and, as such, one is entitled to give it a cordial welcome as evidence of a real go-ahead spirit of British manufacturers.

The lens which is of one inch focal length—the standard for amateur cinematography—is made to fit into the existing thread of the Victor, Filmo and Auto-Kinecam 16 mm cameras. In time, if required, it will also be available for other cameras, but at present it is made ready for immediate use for these three. It has the beautifully made micrometer focussing movement of the Dallmeyer cine lenses, and the aperture ring engraved on the diaphragm ring are—F/0.99, F/1.4, F/2, F/4, F/5.6, F/8, and F/11, while another feature that will appeal to potential users is that it only requires focussing up to 15 feet, after that it is put at the infinity mark, and everything beyond five yards is automatically in focus.

The enormous light intensity is recommended to the amateur worker, to enable him to take pictures indoors, close-up in deep shade, tropical pictures in dull and rainy weather, as well as interiors. One of the principal features against using lenses of big apertures is the lack of depth of focus in "close-ups." Messrs. Dallmeyer are making a very special point in having an expert, personally testing the covering power and definition of each individual lens, before it is allowed to leave the factory, and these tests are of a very exacting nature.

It is not generally known, but there are still large animals in the jungle of Malaya and Borneo

"THE GEISHA."

AN INTERVIEW WITH
THE PRODUCER.

I dropped in at the Theatre Royal at rehearsal time on Monday night and was privileged to see a rehearsal of the Philharmonic Society's production of "The Geisha." Mrs. F. G. Hunt, who will be remembered as the producer of "On Approval" for the A.D.C. last winter, was able to spare me a few minutes from her many duties and to tell me something about the play and the cast.

"The Geisha," she said, "is a phantasy of the lightest kind, bubbling over with lilting tunes. Who does not know 'The Jewel of Asia,' 'Star of my soul,' 'The Monkey on a Stick' and 'Chin Chin Chinaman?' These songs have a popularity with amateurs equal to that of Gilbert and Sullivan's best."

"I have been fortunate," continued Mrs. Hunt, "in securing a most talented cast. I think Marjorie Bowes-Smith wonderfully cast as 'O Mimosas San.' She sings her way through the play and charms everyone. Eileen Bellamy just bubbles over with joie de vivre and vivacity and her performance is, to my mind, an extraordinarily fine piece of character acting. The 'Molly Seamore' of Leila Clarke is most fascinating and alluring. Here we have the type of a fresh young English sportswoman, conquering hearts on all sides and smiling her way through life. I think she is adorable! Mrs. J. H. Hunt brings all her dignity, experience and acting ability to the part of 'Lady Constance Wynne,' a difficult role which only an accomplished artist could portray. Margaret Chubb is cast as 'Tommy Stanley' and makes a dashing little 'snotty.' For the members of Lady Constance's party, I have been fortunate in securing some of the loveliest girls in Hongkong."

"As to the men, you can imagine my joy at being able to secure Mr. R. E. Greensmith to undertake the part of 'Wun Hi,' the principal comedian. He is simply wonderful and better than I ever imagined he could be. I honestly consider him a great find theatrically. Formerly he has been known merely as the husband of that exquisite artist, Lucy Greensmith, but I can guarantee that after his first public performance in Hongkong, his nothing will be the talk of the town and everyone will deplore the fact that he is leaving the East in a month's time. Mr. A. J. J. Brock you all know so well for his many fine performances in previous musical shows. It has been a real pleasure to me to have such an enthusiastic person in the cast. I have the highest opinion of his acting and singing although, alas! he has little of the latter to do in this show. The spirit and keenness of Mr. Brock in the theatre are wonderful. He finds no detail too small for him and no obstacle too great to further his art and he is giving a remarkably subtle and intelligent performance of the 'Marquis Imari.' Mr. H. V. Parker is that rava avis, a real juvenile lead. He has a charming baritone voice and is the young lover to the very life. A good light tenor voice is not easily come by, and I have been fortunate in securing Mr. H. G. Anniss for the part of Katana. Last, but not least, we have the indefatigable Mr. M. M. Maas. He is already well-known to Hongkong audiences. He has a very vital and definite personality and perhaps the greatest gift of an actor, a perfect diction. He has a small but important part and, with his usual enthusiasm, he has already assimilated the atmosphere of Musical Comedy. I have also been very lucky in securing a fine chorus who are workers to a man or woman."

"For the rest I want Hongkong not to be hypercritical with my production, but just to come and be as tolerant and as intelligent as ever, and to try in a measure to realise on the first night the monumental difficulties with which this production has been attended. Constant changes have had to be made in the cast and staff from illness and other causes. These troubles have increased the difficulty of dressing and staging a Japanese play in Hongkong tremendously.—Contributed.

which never yet have been photographed alive. One instance of this is the Malayan seladang—a type of lion standing up to 18 hands high, and if a good bull, weighing a ton or more. This is partly owing to the timidity and shyness of the beasts in question, but mainly owing to the denseness of the Malayan virgin jungle.

An attempt by an amateur using a Victor turret cine camera, having Dallmeyer F. 1.5 and telephoto lenses, was made this summer but was unsuccessful. Had this gentleman's camera been fitted with the "Wonder Lens," which is more than twice the speed of the F. 1.5 a unique picture of a seladang only 25 feet away could have been made.

The price of the "Wonder Lens" is catalogued by Messrs. J. H. Dallmeyer, Ltd. at £20.

WATER SUPPLY
INADEQUATE.COURT ORDERS REMOVAL OF
WATER CLOSETS.

SIX HOUSES AFFECTED.

A block of six European-style houses in Happy Valley, known as Nos. 55-65, Wongsichong Road, are affected by an order from the Sanitary Board for the removal of their water-flush closets. The ground on which this order was based is that the water-closets in question have no independent and adequate water-supply and that the condition in which they were found by visiting Inspectors, was prejudicial to health and in contravention of Clause 4, Section 162 of the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance of 1927.

The notice subsequently served on the two owners of the buildings required the removal of the water-closets within a stated period of time. As the order had not been complied with at the end of that period, the owners were summoned before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning, when Mr. W. J. Carrie, the Head of the Sanitary Department, applied for a Court order for the removal of the water-closets.

In the case of No. 59 and 61, Wongsichong Road, it was stated that a notice was served on him on August 31 last requiring him to effect the removal of eight European and two native type water-closets. This had not been done, the closets being still in use when a Sanitary Inspector called last week.

In the case of Mrs. Ng Wongsichong, the owner of Nos. 55, 57, 63 and 65, Wongsichong Road, notice was served on August 21, in respect of 10 European and four native type water-closets. Three months was the time-limit given, but nothing had been done, the prosecution stated.

Defendant's representative in Court said Mrs. Ng was an elderly lady, who was unable to look after the matter herself. She had, however, consulted the architects with a view to meeting the Sanitary Board's requirements, and asked for a stay of execution of the order until this had been done.

His Worship said it was a matter entirely between the defendant and the Sanitary Board, with which the Court was not concerned.

His Worship made the order for removal of the water-closets as applied for by Mr. Carrie.

£2,250,000 DISPUTE.

U.S. CLAIM ON ESTATE OF
THE LATE LORD ASTOR.

A commission, of inquiry into the £2,250,000 dispute over the taxes paid on the estate of the late Viscount Astor opened recently at the office of the American Consul-General, London.

The dispute between the heirs of the estate and the United States Government is of long standing. Before he died, in 1919, Viscount Astor made two transfers of real property in New York to his trustees on behalf of his two sons.

These transfers were claimed by the American authorities to have been made "in expectation of death," and they taxed the estate £2,250,000 on their account. This was resisted by the trustees, the

NEW CINEMAS FOR
LONDON.TWO HOUSES TO CATER FOR
HUGE AUDIENCES.

Two new cinema theatres are to be built in London—one capable of holding 6,500 people, and the other 3,500. It was announced a few weeks ago that Fox Films had arranged to establish their own cinema in London for the "pre-release" of their own films.

It has always been a matter of surprise that Fox Films have not had their own theatre, but the matter has now become urgent, as the new Fox house is designed to show the new Grandeur Films, which, it is claimed, are to revolutionise the cinema industry.

It is understood that the contract will be settled shortly and that the new theatre will be in the neighbourhood of the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly-circus. It will probably have an entrance in Rupert-street. It is planned to be one of the biggest cinemas in the world—bigger even than the famous "Roxy" in New York—and will be capable of seating 6,500 people.

Medical Attendance Room. At the same time another super-cinema, to be named the "Broadway," is to be built on the site of the old Emporium in New Kent-road, opposite the Elephant and Castle. This will accommodate more than 3,500 people.

The proprietors are H. and G. Kinemas, Ltd., whose directors are Mr. P. and Mr. S. Hyams and Major Gale, and the plans have been drawn up by Mr. George Cole, the architect, of Craven-street, Strand, who has designed the building in the Italian Renaissance style.

The Broadway Theatre will embody several features not hitherto incorporated in modern cinema construction. For instance, waiting spaces are to be provided in the building to do away with "queuing," and there will be a medical attendance room staffed by trained nurses and ambulance men to attend to any cases of illness that may occur during performances.

The balcony will have seats for 1,400 people, and the ground floor will accommodate 2,110. By means of 27 exits, it will be possible to empty the theatre in a few minutes in case of emergency.

The foundations are to be taken down to the level of the blue clay beneath London at a depth of about 30 feet to overcome the presence of running sand. This difficult piece of engineering will be carried out by transforming the foundations into a vast tank surrounded with sheet steel piling. The water in the tank will then be pumped out, and the workmen engaged on excavation will be able to work in the dry.

The contract for the steelwork for the theatre provides for the manufacture of nearly 1,400 tons of steel. The theatre will, it is expected, be completed in about a year's time.

Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, who brought a suit in America.

The present inquiry is to endeavour to find out the facts about the transfers. It is being held in private. Evidence is to be given by the present Lord Astor, his brother, Major the Hon. J. J. Astor, M.P., his sister, Mrs. H. H. Spender-Clay, the doctors who attended the late Viscount, and members of his household.

SHANGHAI TRAFFIC
PROBLEM.DOUBLE-DECK BUSES TO BE
GIVEN A TRIAL.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

Shanghai, Dec. 5. Several important decisions of great interest to the general public have recently been made by the directors of the China General Omnibus Co. As a result of the improvements to be effected, it is hoped to minimise very considerably the difficulties surrounding the problem of passenger transport in Shanghai.

When the company commenced operations fares were graded in silver currency. This was continued for nearly two years and resulted in a loss to the Company, as it was found that the number of passengers who were prepared to pay a reasonable fare for reasonable comfort was apparently not sufficient to support a service of public utility vehicles.

In the interests of their shareholders the company was compelled to lower its fares, place them on a copper basis, and cater for such sections of the community as cared to utilize the facilities offered at the prices charged.

It is found in practice that in spite of the equipment of the vehicle including a safety door or gate, a Chinese or Korean conductor is incapable of enforcing the regulations of the company regarding overcrowding, and while it is regrettable, the fact remains that little assistance or co-operation from the public can be expected.

The only alternative method would be to employ foreign conductors of powerful physique in charge of each bus, but this is out of the question owing to the language difficulty and for other reasons.

The directors have, therefore decided subject to the approval of the Councils of the International and French Settlements, to make at least a trial of operating double-decked buses, which, although they will not accommodate many more than the numbers who at present force themselves into the single-deck vehicles, will provide seating room for a far greater number and will reduce to a minimum the standing space available.

In order to provide an increased standard of comfort for their passengers the directors some months ago authorized the purchase of the necessary material to convert a number of the solid-tired vehicles to pneumatics. These are shortly due and will be fitted with all despatch. If these prove satisfactory in operation the whole of the solid-tired buses will be converted to pneumatics.

The company also has in mind the possibility of adopting six-wheeled vehicles with double-decked bodies, capable of conveying some 68 seated passengers, and they only await the result of the trials of the smaller double-decked buses to ascertain whether their popularity and success in operation justify trials being made of these six-wheeled vehicles.

FIRE FOLLOWED BY
CHARGE.ALLEGED UNPAID BILL IN
AN HOTEL.

Two days after the tragic death of his mother, Mrs. Rosaline Fox, in a fire in the Hotel Metropole, Margate, Sidney Harry Fox left the town.

He was brought back under police escort, having been arrested at Norwich, and before the magistrates was charged with fraudulently obtaining credit from the hotel to the value of £12,14s. 8d.

It was stated that he stayed at the hotel from October 16 to October 25, and left without paying his bill. Only evidence of arrest was given, and he was remanded in custody for eight days.

Fox and his mother arrived at the hotel on October 16 from France and Belgium, where they had been visiting the graves of three other sons of Mrs. Fox who were killed in the war. Mrs. Fox, a widow of 63, then gave her address as End View, Lyndhurst, Hampshire.

Inquest Evidence.

Fox said at the inquest on his mother that his address had been Cathedral Close, Norwich, but in future he would live at Lyndhurst. He told the coroner that, shortly after retiring to bed on the night of October 23, he smelt smoke, and on going to his mother's room, which adjoined his, he was overwhelmed with volumes of smoke. He rushed down the stairs, calling out "Fire," and was met by Mr. Hopkins, a commercial traveller, who rescued Mrs. Fox.

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Leyton, told the coroner that when he attempted to enter the room he was twice beaten back by smoke. Then he crawled in on his hands and knees and dragged Mrs. Fox into the corridor. Artificial respiration was applied, but she died shortly afterwards.

Chief Officer Hammond, of the Margate Fire Brigade, gave it as his theory that Mrs. Fox had left some of her clothes near the gas fire and that, catching slight, they had smouldered until the room was filled with smoke and she was suffocated.



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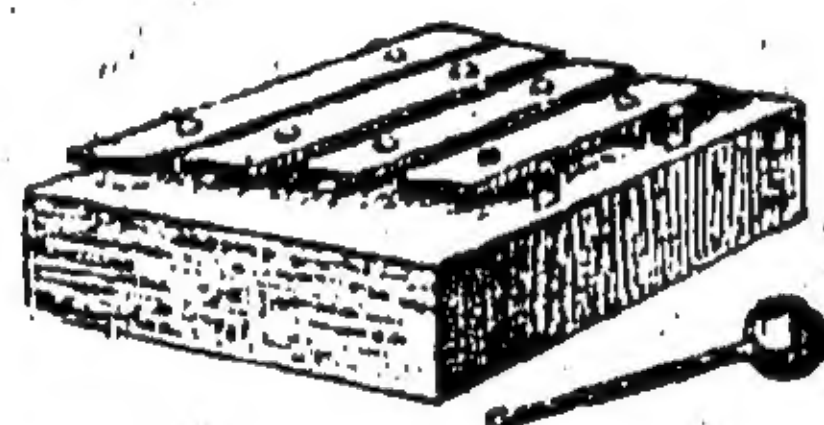
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GARRISON NEWS.

HONGKONG AREA SOCCER LEAGUE.

Owing to the non-arrival of Head-
quarter Wing, S.L.L., at Chatham
Road yesterday afternoon, the match
with 1st. (H) Battery, R.A., could
not be played.

"C" Company, S.L.L., however, turned
out for their match with the
R.A.O.C., the latter pulling off a big
surprise by winning by the large
margin of five goals to one. Teams:
R.A.O.C.—Parker, Walker, Row,
Morgan, Bailey, McGroarty, Rial,
Dixon, Conter, Hanson, Jackson,
"C" Coy. S.L.L.—Russell, Temple-
man, Fothergill, Padgett, Balch,
Topp, Hearne, Jenkinson, Bidwell,
Turnbull, Somerfield.

The Ordnance were the first to at-
tack, Conter making ground, for
Sanson to shoot, and Russell to clear.
The Somerfield forwards got down to
the other end, but Rowe prevented
their scoring, though the pressure
was continued.

Conter was sent away, and beat
Fothergill, only for Templeman to
concede a corner. The kick was not
brought to success, but another corner
shortly afterwards resulted in Dixon
opening the scoring with a shot from
close range.

Keeping up the pressure, the Corps
made ground after the kick-off and
Wilson and Conter, with good pass-
ing, got near enough to put Russell
in difficulty in clearing. A combined
effort by Somerfield, Bidwell and
Turnbull was repelled by Bailey and
Walker, who set the Corps forwards
away again. Conter passed to Jack-
son, who shot hard for Russell to
save at the expense of a corner. At
the other end Parker cleared a cross-
shot by Hearne.

The Somerfields began to have as
much, if not more, of the play at this
stage as their opponents, and though
they got near to the Corps goal
several times, they were unable to
shoot sufficiently accurately. The
half-time whistle was blown with the
Ordnance leading by the only goal
scored.

Conter returned to the picture with
a shot that Russell partially cleared,
the corner kick producing no score.
Bailey later shot well, but Russell
cleared, only for Conter to receive a
fine pass from Dixon to run through
and add to his side's tally. Almost
immediately afterwards, the third
goal was obtained, Rial shooting for
Fothergill slightly to deflect the ball
out of Russell's reach.

Although three goals down, the
Somerfields made the match a ding-
dong struggle, and were soon back
hammering at the Corps defences,
where Parker made a good save from
a fine shot by Bidwell.

Jackson later shot past the post,
and from the goal-kick the Somerfields
had a turn of attacking, and opened
their score with a shot by Bidwell
during a miscalculation of goal. Jenkin-
son's should have added another goal
for his side soon afterwards, putting
past the post after beating both
backs.

The ball was later sent from foot
to foot in the Somerfields goal-mouth
from a flag-kick, and was eventually
put into the net by Sanson.

Jackson concluded the scoring by
running through and putting in an
oblique shot out of Russell's reach.
It was refreshing to see such a good
game from a team in such a lowly
position in the League Table.

FOOTBALL AFFAIRS.

FORMAL MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING.

A formal Council meeting of the
Hongkong Football Association took
place yesterday evening under the
chairmanship of Mr. R. Hall, who was
supported by Messrs. W. E. Hollands
(Hon. Sec.) and G. T. May (Hon.
Treasurer).

The minutes of the last Council
meeting were passed after which the
following were selected to represent
the rest of the Colony on New Year
Day against the Army in a charity
game, the proceeds of which will be
for the Army Branch of the M.C.L.:
Chan Sek-nui (C.A.), McGregor
(Navy), Jones (Navy), Hedley (Kow-
loon), Lam Yuk-ying (C.A.), Bliss
(Kowloon), Two Kwai-shing (C.A.),
A. V. Gosano (Recreation), Fung Kin-
cheung (S.C.A.), Bocha (Recreation) and
Dickinson (Navy). Reserves: Wynne
(Police), Pile (Kowloon), Dowman
(Kowloon), McGroarty (Police), Sun
Kam-shuen (C.A.), B. Gosano (Re-
creation) and Ip Pak-wa (S.C.A.).
Mr. Atkinson will be in charge of
the game, assisted by Messrs. Mann
and Martin who will act as linesmen.

To-day's Matches.

Interport trial, H.K.F.C. ground,
kick-off 4.30 p.m., Selected XI v Navy
XI.

The following have been selected to
play against the Navy—G. Bolger,
Wynne and Reeves; Hedley, West and
Bliss; B. Gosano, A. V. Gosano, Gold-
man, Rewley-Bull and Butcher.

Hongkong League, Division II, kick
off 2.30 p.m.:
University v K.O.S.B., St. Joseph's
ground. Referee Mr. J. Lawrence.

Somerfield v Navy, Chatham Road.
Referee Sgt. Bunting.

The final of the Lai Wah Cup, which
is to be played on Saturday after-
noon between the Army and Civilians,
will start at 3.30 p.m. and not 4 p.m.
as previously stated. The commence-
ment of the game has been put for-
ward in order that, if necessary,
extra-time play may take place in
a reasonable light.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the
puzzle on another page.
WRITE, WRITS, WAITS,
WARTS, WARDS, WORDS.

SHANGHAI SPORTING PICTURES.



The Shanghai Recreation Club, displaying unexpected strength, drew with the formidable Worcester team recently.



Above are seen the Shanghai Football Club side and the Wills eleven who drew two-all in a Scottow Cup match.

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1335 n.
Chartered Bank, \$19 b.
Morcantile A. & B., \$307 n.
East Asia \$95 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 n.
Union Ins., \$357 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2 n.
China Firs., \$310 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$815 n.

Shipping.

Douglasos, \$25 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$264 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$2 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$70 n.
Union Waterboats \$22 n.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$4.70 b.
Kailans, 63 n.
Langkats, Tls. 13.60 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
Rauhs, \$12 n.
Tronohs, 21/- b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$145 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$327 b.
China Providents \$5.35 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 190 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.50 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 14 sa.
Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 77 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$11.10 n.
H. K. Lands, \$35 n.
Shai Lands Tls. 161 n.
Humphreys, \$14.40 n.
Realities, \$7.90 b.
Chinese Estates \$38 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$187 n.
Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$697 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$16.40 n.
H. K. Electric, \$69 b.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones \$7.80 b.
China Buses, Tls. 151 b.
Singapore Traction, 10/- n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 90 n.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald: Macq. Ord: Tls. 11 n.
Canton Ice, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$12.70 b.
Ropos (Old) \$8 n.
United Anbestos \$5 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$262 n.
Watsons, \$12 n.
Dor A. Wings, 80 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$1.75 n.
Macintoshes, \$18 b.
Sinceros, \$12 n.
Miscellaneous:
Amusements, \$281 n.
Constructions, \$1.30 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 61%
H. K. G. Loan 4 1/2% n. Prem.



Some of the riders who took part in the opening paper hunt of the Shanghai season are shown above just before the start.

LORD DEWAR'S WIT.

CHEMISTRY AND THE "MAKING OF BLONDES."

Lord Dewar dispensed wit and
wisdom when speaking at the
annual dinner of the Association of
British Chemical Manufacturers
at the Connaught Rooms.

His observations included the
following:

An oyster gets into trouble if it
opens its mouth; sometimes also,
those who make speeches.

If I were to attempt to discuss
chemistry with you I would find
myself in the same position as the
pump ladies who are generally
pleased to be weighed in the balance
and found wanting.

There are no idle rich to-day, so
many are chasing them to get some
of their worldly goods.

The goal of every man is to make
money faster than his family can
spend it—a few succeed.

No man can tell the number of
blondes Imperial Chemical Indus-
tries have made for the benefit of
mankind.

Was it Shakespeare who said
"Gentlemen prefer blondes?" but
we must not forget that the black
sheep of a family is not always a
blonde.

Competition is the death of pro-
fits, and co-operation is the life of
business to-day.

When there is nothing more to be
said, some fool always says it.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

I.R.C. 2ND XI. TO MEET K.C.C. 2ND XI.

The following will represent the
I.R.C. 2nd XI, in a League match
against the K.C.C. 2nd XI, on the
former's ground on Saturday, at
2 p.m. sharp:—M. P. Madar
(Capt.), H. T. Barma, C. F. Dood-
ha, E. Heptulla, D. Mohamed, A.
R. H. Esmail, A. R. Sufiad, J. S.
Ackber, Sirdar Khan, A. M. Ram-
jahn, and P. M. el Arculli. Scorer:
M. Y. Adal.

PICTURE HUNG WRONG WAY UP.

THEN WINS A PRIZE AT ART SHOW.

New York, Nov. 10.

Had Edwin W. Dickinson's paint-
ing "The Fossil Hunters," been
hung upside down at the exhibition
acre of the National Academy of
Design, it would presumably have
won the first prize.

As it was merely hung on its
side, the academy's jury awarded
it \$100 for "originality of composi-
tion and expert execution."

Now art-circles and the public
at large are enjoying a good laugh
at the jury's expense. However,
close contemplation of the extra-
ordinary canvas seems to absolve
the jury of much blame in failing
to detect that the picture was the
wrong side up.

Now Plainly Marked.

Amid long twisted folds of
drapery may be discerned a death
mask of Beethoven, a grindstone,
an aged, recumbent man holding a
twig above him, and two girls, in
opposite corners, one apparently
standing on her head.

Mr. Dickinson signed his name
along one side of the picture, and

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB DEFEAT VARSITY BY ODD GOAL.

King's Park was the venue of a
very interesting hockey match, when
the Hongkong Hockey Club met the
Varsity 1st eleven and beat them by
the odd goal in three. From the in-
itial bully, the Club forwards got
going and by clever stick work, net-
ted the ball within ten minutes of play.
The Varsity took some time to
settle down but before half time
Saurza effected a solo raid and scored
the equaliser. Half time saw the
teams level.

Following on the Club proved
dangerous but their rushes were re-
pelled by the sterling work of the
Varsity defence. Sullivan, Loko and
Noronha, the goalie, came up to the
occasion and played a great game,
and saved the University from a
heavy defeat. Shortly before the
final whistle a combined effort by the
Club saw their centre net the win-
ning goal.

that appears to have deceived the
jury.

They might, however, find fur-
ther justification in the fact that
the painting was also hung on its
side when it was shown last year
at the Carnegie International Art
Exhibition in Pittsburg, Pennsyl-
vania.

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and "bottom" have now been marked
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GOLF CLUB ANNUAL MEETING.

EXTENSION OF COURSE AT FANLING.

VALLEY CLUBHOUSE.

Two important resolutions were approved at the annual meeting of the members of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club held in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room last evening. It was decided to authorise the Committee to proceed with the formation of nine extra holes at Fanling and to acquire additional land for this purpose, and to erect a Club house at Happy Valley.

Mr. Greenhill, who presided over the meeting, was supported by the following members of the General Committee: Messrs. L. R. Andrews, E. U. Ireland, K. S. Morrison, J. D. Kinnaird, N. L. Smith, H. G. Sheldon, C. L. Sandes and Lieut.-Colonel E. D. Matthews (Secretary).

Proposing the adoption of the Report and Accounts the Chairman said: "When you did me the honour to elect me Captain a year ago, I said that I hope to be able to give you a report as you had just then received. As a matter of fact the accounts show an even better position and I think we may congratulate ourselves on a satisfactory year."

The profit for year is \$5,075.31 after allowing \$8,858.34 for depreciation, and actual profit of \$14,833.65 compared with \$12,810.79 for the previous year.

Our liquid Assets (Stocks, Accounts Receivable and Cash) at the end of our financial year exceed our actual Liabilities (Debiture A/c and Sundry Creditors) by \$4,008.80, an improvement of \$6,770.86 as compared with 30th September 1928, when the Liabilities exceeded Assets by \$2,072.06.

Turning to the Working Account, there are few items calling for comment compared with the previous year.

Wages have increased by \$591.30. Maintenance shows a rise of \$2,203.51, but includes the cost of the match at Happy Valley (\$2,600) so that on ordinary working this item would have decreased by about \$300. There is very little difference on upkeep of Courses and the items under the headings of Papers, Prizes, Printing, Advertising and Repairs show a total reduction of \$1,461.06. Subscriptions remain about the same, except as regards absent Members, where there is a slight falling off. Green Fees have declined by \$394 and Lodging Account by \$455. On the whole this account shows an improvement of \$908.40.

Our Trading Account shows an increased profit of \$2,520.00. This is almost entirely due to receipts at Fanling, Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay showing little difference.

The Drop in Exchange. As regards the profit on sale of Wines &c., if this is to be maintained I fear charges will have to go up owing to the drop in exchange. The present quarter has been provided for by laying in a large stock at old rates, but it will have to rest with your Incoming Committee what arrangement can be made for the future.

The amount written off as bad and doubtful debts (\$225.88) is largely "doubtful" and it is hoped to recover a considerable portion.

I do not think that there are any other items in the accounts calling for comment, except that there is no reason to anticipate that the next two or three years will be less profitable, particularly as the year under review and its predecessor contain considerable expense in connection with leave to England for the Secretary and Superintendent respectively.

As regards the Courses they seem to have been as popular as ever and in spite of the drought do not appear to have suffered to any extent. There is however the question of water. The pipes leading from the Government main get corroded very quickly, as the water supplied is unfiltered. We had hoped to get them cleaned, relaid and where necessary larger pipes substituted this last summer. Owing however to the Water Authority's staff being more than fully occupied on much more important matters the work had to be left over, but it is hoped to have it done next spring.

Tipping of Caddies.

Your Committee wish me to mention the perennial subject of caddies. The practice of tipping, much as it is to be deplored has apparently come to stay. You are asked however to consider your fellow members and keep this practice within bounds. Ten cents should be ample recompense in addition to the regular fee.

It is with regret that we have to record the deaths of the following members:—Capt. R. Innes, Dr. F. Pierce Grove and Messrs. J. Buchanan, E. V. Reid, D. McLaren, G. E. Stewart, H. P. White and L. M. Whyte.

As there are two important subjects to come up for discussion presently I will not keep you longer. I should however like to thank the Committee for their assistance during the past year especially Mr. Kinnaird, who this year, as in others, has put in a lot of work at Happy Valley. Mr. Kinnaird knows more about the running and difficulties of the Happy Valley Course than anyone. Our thanks are also due to Messrs. W. A. Butterfield, B. J. Lane, G. R. M. Young and C. E. Holmes for kind assistance in various ways and to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. for so kindly lending us this room.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented and when this has been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions members may wish to ask.

Excellent Position.

In seconding, Mr. G. S. Archbutt said:—I have pleasure in seconding

the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and in doing so I should like to congratulate the members on the excellent position of the Club.

This is, of course, the result, primarily, of the patronage by members and subscribers and so long as the Club is well supported it stands a good chance of maintaining its excellent position.

It must be remembered, however, that it is only one side of the case and it requires to be supplemented by good management. In this respect the Club is fortunate and the thanks of members are due to the hard-working secretary and staff.

I have no particular remarks to make about the accounts, excepting to say that the form in which they are presented is excellent.

I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.

The motion was unanimously carried.

The New Captain.

In proposing Mr. G. S. Archbutt for the captaincy, the Chairman said:—Mr. Archbutt was largely instrumental at two or three years ago in making the arrangements for combining and running of the secretarial and treasury duties of the Club which have proved very satisfactory. It seems a good opportunity for him to look into these and see if they can be improved upon, more especially as it is possible that the Club may be going in for unusual expenditure on the two schemes to be proposed presently. It is in the interests of the Club that the captain shall have served on the committee. It helps towards smooth running in general. Mr. Archbutt is also a good golfer, though perhaps he has not been seen so much at Fanling the last year or two, owing to repeated absences from the Colony on business and leave. Altogether I do not think you could put your affairs into better hands and I therefore have pleasure in proposing him as captain.

This was seconded by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith and the proposal was carried with acclamation.

In returning thanks, Mr. Archbutt said he would do his best.

The Auditors.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$1,200.

The Committee.

The following were elected to the Committee:—Messrs. L. R. Andrews, E. Davidson, L. G. S. Dodwell, J. W. Franks, L. S. Greenhill, H. U. Ireland, J. D. Kinnaird, K. S. Morrison and N. L. Smith.

New Course Extension.

The Chairman next proposed the following resolution:—"That the Committee be authorised to proceed with the formation of nine extra holes at Fanling and to acquire additional land for this purpose, and take all other necessary steps." He said:

You will no doubt remember that at the last annual meeting it was proposed to endeavour to lengthen the new short nine hole course. Your present Committee have not found this practicable and it was also found that there was a general desire amongst members to retain this short course as it stands.

Six years ago a proposal to add another nine holes to the old relief nine was put forward and turned down at the Annual Meeting and instructions given that it was the wish of members that funds should rather be conserved towards erecting a new Club House. If it was the intention that the funds for a new Club House were to be accumulated by saving cash, I am afraid you are still a long way off getting the necessary sum together.

In the meantime the congestion of the courses is getting worse and worse and you have only to look at the list of starting times published weekly to see the demand there is to play on the Old Course, which is full size.

In view of this and believing that the general feeling amongst members is somewhat different to what it was six years ago your Committee has gone carefully into the question. They have come to the conclusion that the only satisfactory solution lies in adding nine holes to Nos. 1-9 of the New Course, leaving the short nine holes (10-12) intact.

The Scheme.

The scheme, of which many of you have probably seen a sketch in the Club House, is to start off from a tee near the present 2nd green of the New Course so that the 3rd fairway will run almost parallel to the present 16th. The remainder of the new holes would be in an area to the South West and a return made to almost the same starting point. The present 2nd and 16th greens. The present 3rd hole would thus become the 12th. A full size course of rather more than 6,000 yards can thus be obtained and from my knowledge of the new ground, which I have been over many times during the last eight years, I think you would get a very interesting and sporting course with little if any duplication or similarity in the individual holes.

The ground required to carry this out would cost about \$3,600. The actual work of clearing, draining, turfing &c. should not cost more than \$10,000, say \$12,600, at the outside. So that for \$15,000, at most, (this is not a big sum compared with the profits we made this year) you would have these additional holes and have at your disposal at Fanling two full sized 18 hole courses and a short relief nine.

The time required to carry out the work greatly depends on the weather, but I think that the proposed holes would be ready for play, though somewhat rough, two years hence.

Granted that you approve the scheme there are several changes which the then Committee would be able to arrange. For instance, competitions alternately on the Old and New Courses. Four-ball matches on only one course at a time. Starting lists for both courses and so on.

I believe there are quite a number of members who at present refrain from going out on Sundays and Holidays simply because of the congestion and these could then be accommodated.

I think there is little else that I can say on the matter except to thoroughly recommend the scheme, which I feel sure you will not regret if carried out.

An Urgent Matter.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. A. H. Ferguson. He urged that extension was the right step to take as the course was absolutely congested every Sunday. Starting times were going up and had reached 12.30. They might be starting at three o'clock in the afternoon and perhaps at eight o'clock at night in future (laughter). Mr. Ferguson expressed the opinion that the cost of the land was very reasonable. There was a tendency for the game of golf to become more popular. He was glad that new members did not have to wait nine or ten years before they could get into the Club as was the case in some places.

Mr. Ferguson said he was sure that the extension would make a considerable difference. He thought it would be very nice for the Golf Club to be able to go on allowing membership to increase rather than to put a stop on membership and thereby prevent younger members from taking up golf. The Committee ought to be encouraged in its proposal and he urged to go ahead at once. It was an urgent matter and he considered it was essential that "whole-hearted support should be given to it. (Applause).

The proposal was then put to the meeting and was carried.

Happy Valley Clubhouse.

The Chairman proposed "That the Committee be authorised to acquire a site and erect a Club house at Happy Valley and to enter into all contracts and take all other steps necessary for this purpose and also to borrow for the said purpose a sum not exceeding \$30,000 to be secured upon all or part of the property of the Club in such manner and at such a rate of interest as the Committee shall in their absolute discretion think fit." He said:

You are all doubtless aware that owing to the re-building of the Stands and Stables at Happy Valley the Jockey Club were obliged to withdraw the free quarters which they had so kindly provided us for many years.

It was impossible to find suitable quarters near so, as a temporary measure, your Committee obtained permission from Government to erect a matchless to accommodate Happy Valley players. This of course is not a very satisfactory form of Club house with all the risks of damage by fire and typhoon.

We have to consider that there are 103 members of the Junior Section who can only use the Happy Valley course. Besides these there are 43 Restricted Members, who only use Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay, and in addition there are quite a number of ordinary full Members, Subscribers and their Ladies who use the course, particularly in the summer.

Your Committee have approached the Government with a view to our having a more permanent building and, though we have not received the official notification, I understood that there is little doubt but that we shall be able to rebuild on more or less the old site. Granted that we can use this or any other suitable site the question remains to be settled as to whether you are in favour of building a club house at Happy Valley, where we have not had our own premises since 1917. It is probable that a considerable increase in profits will accrue in the future if we have a comfortable and suitable building of our own.

We have therefore taken this opportunity to inquire your wishes and, should you decide to have a new club house, it is necessary for you to authorise the Committee to borrow the requisite funds as and when required.

We have received designs for a building which should meet our requirements, the estimated cost being about \$20,000. In addition we must allow for fittings and furnishing and to be on the safe side your Committee consider they should be authorised to try and arrange to borrow up to \$30,000. It is not anticipated however that so much will actually have to be borrowed as, if the next two years are normal, we should be able to find part of the sum ourselves.

You are being asked to approve the scheme and authorise the expenditure as and when the site is available.

In seconding the proposition, Mr. J. W. Franks said he did so with pleasure. As far as Happy Valley was concerned, he thought it was desirable that they should have a Club house there because ladies used the course quite a lot in the mornings. As the Chairman had pointed out there were 103 junior members who did not use any other course.


After some discussion, during which the Chairman assured members there was little likelihood of the game being interfered with, the resolution was carried.

Lost Balls.

Mr. Oscar Eager referred to the practice of caddies finding practically new balls on the course and taking and selling them at the International Club for twenty cents and suggested something should be done to stop this. He said that players usually gave caddies ten cents for finding their balls after they were lost but they had discovered they could get twenty cents at the International Club and now took them there.

The Chairman mentioned that a letter had been written by the Secretary asking the International Club to co-operate in stopping this practice, and he hoped they would be able to secure that co-operation.

Thanks to the outgoing Committee, particularly the Captain for his hard work, concluded the meeting.



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FLOODS GET WORSE IN ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 10.

One hundred thousand tons of shipping have already been wholly or partially disabled in the gales of the past week, but marine insurance interests are of the opinion that although their losses are heavy they are lucky that the losses are not commensurate with the violence of the gales.

The captains of all ships arriving report the worst weather they have ever experienced.

Floods are getting worse in many parts of the country. There are three inches of snow in Yorkshire and the gravest fears are felt that there will be a renewal of the Thames' floods of last year.

The town of Reading has become an island and lakes of several miles wide are dotted here and there along the Thames' Valley. Many main roads are covered, the total rainfall for the past ten weeks being almost the same as the average rainfall in the Thames' Valley for the whole six winter months.

The storms are now spreading to the Atlantic. Thirteen liners on their way to New York will arrive one to three days late. Several have sent out wireless messages that they are bringing in shipwrecked victims picked up during the crossing.—*Reuter*.

Serious Casualties.

London, Dec. 10.

Rarely, if ever, have so many telegrams been posted at Lloyds as was the case when two hundred telegrams relating to a large number of different ships were received. The full extent of the damage caused to shipping may not be known for over twelve months, for many of the vessels damaged have proceeded on their voyages and will be required abroad.

The most serious casualties reported yesterday were those of the Glasgow steamer *Volumia*, which went down in the Atlantic, and the Italian steamer *Chieri*, which sank off Ushant. A French trawler saved five of the *Chieri*'s crew of forty-one, who were found clinging to wreckage. The *Volumia*'s crew were saved by the steamer *Manchester* Regiment, whose captain has received many wireless messages congratulating him and his crew for their splendid rescue work.

There is considerable anxiety regarding ten steam herring trawlers of Lowestoft, which are storm-bound in the North Sea, and a broadcast appeal to vessels in the southern North Sea was made yesterday by wireless to keep a lookout for these overdue vessels.

It was revealed this morning that the Captain of the Swedish steamer *Frieda*, whose dangerous plight off Deal caused anxiety yesterday, had been swept overboard by the gale and drowned. The *Frieda* had been run into while at anchor, and tugs were standing by when the captain was lost. The *Frieda*, which with great difficulty was boarded by Deal lifeboatmen,

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LAST NIGHT'S CONCERT VERY PLEASING.

It must have been disappointing to the "Cornwall Dandies" to find a comparatively small audience last night, when they presented a programme of musical and humorous items at the Royal Naval Canton Theatre. They deserve better support from the public. The proceeds of the concert will be used for local charitable purposes.

With no fewer than twenty-one items in the programme, the concert moved rapidly with scarcely a dull moment. All those who took part did well, and it would be superfluous here to pick out anyone for special mention.

Many of the items were very entertaining, and the standard, as a whole, was high.

The same programme will be presented again at the Naval Theatre to-night when, it is hoped, greater measure of support will be forthcoming.

KLAVENESS LINE.

INTENDS TO ADHERE TO CONFERENCE RATES.

Batavia, Dec. 10.

Its agents here deny that the Klaveness Line (as reported on December 7) has refused to join the Java Pacific conference, and say the line proposes strictly to adhere to the conference rates.—*Reuter*.

was berthed at Dover this morning.
—*British Wireless*.

France Suffers.

Paris, Dec. 10.

At least seventy-one French seamen have been drowned in the present storm, according to *Le Journal*'s estimate.

The arrival of the Channel steamer has become a lively spectacle. Two members of a crowd watching the buffeted vessel at Dieppe jetty, were swept off their feet by a heavy sea and drowned.

The gale tore off the tower of St. Martin's Church at Boulogne, and several worshippers were injured.—*Reuter*.

Conditions in England.

London, Dec. 10.

A clear, cold, windless night, with a ground frost and sunshine to-day marked the end of the gales for the time being, but more rain and westerly winds are forecast.—*Reuter*.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

BIG DROP IN ISLAND STORAGE.

According to the official return supplied by the Water authority, the total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 9th December, amounted to 1,463.37 million gallons, showing a decrease of 80.43 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 47.42 million gallons.

Kowloon Supply.

The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 9th December, amounted to 480.90 million gallons, showing a decrease of 6.64 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 27.11 million gallons, not including 1.79 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Taichikok. The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week is 22.26 million gallons.

SMALLPOX INCREASE.

CASES LARGELY CONFINED TO WANCHAI DISTRICT.

Twelve cases of small-pox were reported on Monday, showing a considerable increase on recent daily returns.

In conversation with a Press representative yesterday, Dr. G. W. Pope, the Medical Officer of Health, pointed out that all the cases were from Hongkong and had occurred mainly in the No. 2 Health District, which includes Wanchai.

In view of the apparent spread of the disease vaccination work was being concentrated in this district at the present time. Asked regarding the probable trend of the disease, Dr. Pope said that in view of the great numbers of people vaccinated this year and during the epidemic of last year there was reason to hope that the outbreak would be confined to comparatively narrow limits.

GREEK CHANGE.

ADMIRAL CONDOURIOTIS RESIGNS.

Athens, Dec. 10.

The President, Admiral Condouriotis, has resigned.—*Reuter*.



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The Avenging Parrot

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CHAPTER XV

In the moment of pulsing suspense that followed Walter Styles' defiant, laconic admission, Bonnie Dundee felt sure that his busy pencil would soon be called upon to record a confession of murder.

"As soon as Norma—Miss Paige—was safely in the bathroom," Styles went on, before the astonished Lieutenant Strawn could formulate a question, "I stepped out of my window to the porch. Norma and I were both afraid that Bert Magnus, who has the room next to mine, had heard her crying, for he had stopped typing for a minute or two—possibly three. Not until he was at his machine again had the poor girl dared run across the hall to the bathroom. Knowing how seriously a boarding house scandal would upset Norma, I determined to find out, if possible, whether Magnus had heard anything. I was fairly sure I could judge by his manner, even if he asked no questions."

"Yes?" Strawn prompted, as the young man paused.

"I stepped to Bert's window and eulied out something to him," Styles went on. "I think I said, 'Beautiful hot, isn't it?' or something like that. He was still typing, and I started him. But he rose and came to the window, remarked about the heat, and offered me a cigarette. I felt convinced by his manner that he had not heard anything, and after wishing him luck with the story he was working on, I went back into my room, by way of the window, of course. He went back to his typing again, but worked for only a short time longer, I believe, but I didn't pay much attention. I undressed and went to bed then, but was not asleep when Mrs. Rhodes and the detective came to tell me that Mrs. Hogarth was dead."

"Mr. Styles, your business is on the verge of bankruptcy, isn't it?" Strawn asked abruptly.

"It is," Styles answered, with the astounding frankness that had characterized him since the inquisition had started. "And, I'll admit, sir, without your asking, that I tried to borrow \$2000 from Mrs. Hogarth, after she had shown her interest in me by naming me in her will. I will further admit that she accused me of being a fortune hunter, of caring nothing for her except for her money; that we quarrelled, and that she refused to see me, even to permit me to apologize for some hasty things I said to her."

"Just what had you said to her, Mr. Styles?"

"I told her she was a foolish old woman, who was storing up trouble, even death for herself," Styles said grimly. "She had complained to me about the greed of her fellow-boarders, naming Sever in particular, and during my quarrel with her I told her it would not surprise me if she tempted someone to robbery and even murder. I begged her to put her money in the bank, but she told me to mind my own business. I have done so," he added emphatically.

"By becoming engaged to Miss Paige," Mrs. Hogarth's new heiress?" Strawn suggested.

"I asked Norma to marry me because I love her, not because of any money Mrs. Hogarth might leave her."

"But last night, when you learned that Mrs. Hogarth was going to change her will, that you had again lost your chance at her money—?" Strawn began.

"Styles' nostrils flared with anger. 'If you're insinuating that I stationed Norma as a look-out in my room after hearing the result of her interview with Mrs. Hogarth—'"

"Strawn grinned crookedly. 'You put it very well, Styles. I state—not insinuate—that you heard Miss Paige's story, became violently angry, as well as crazy with disappointment; that you asked Miss Paige to wait in your room while you went, by way of the window, to see Mrs. Hogarth—'"

"Let me finish, please!" he commanded sharply, as the young man sprang to his feet, his hands and lips working convulsively. "I'm not accusing Miss Paige of knowing your intentions. I believe you told her you merely wanted to take Mrs. Hogarth to task for her accusations against you. The cold fact, Styles, is that Mrs. Hogarth was murdered and robbed during the time Miss Paige was in your room. I put it to you now that you went to Mrs. Hogarth, killed her, robbed her, and returned to your room, heard from Miss Paige the full story of Mrs. Sharp's trips to the bathroom and of Magnus' typing during the whole time, and were thus able to corroborate her and Mrs. Sharp in every particular."

Dundee could not bring himself to look at the face of the accused young man. But his pencil mechanically took down Walter Styles' reply:

"If you really believe that, I, Lieutenant Strawn, you're a fool! If I had murdered Mrs. Hogarth, do you think I'd been crazy enough to tell you everything damaging to myself that I've admitted so freely? I scorned to lie to you, and now you're proving to me that it does not pay to tell a dumb policeman the truth!"

Oddly, Strawn chuckled. He rose, stretched his powerful arms, and yawned. "We'll have another session to-morrow, Styles. Go to bed now—and sleep, if you can."

When Styles had plunged angrily from the room, Strawn chuckled again.

"What do you think of Norma's sweetie, Dundee?"

Dundee rose, too, came from behind the screen, flexing the cramped fingers of his right hand. "I rather think he was telling the truth, chief."

"Lord, I do, too," Strawn laughed. "But business is business. Come in!"

Detective Payne entered. "Nothing in Styles' room, chief. But a telephone call has just come from headquarters. They've received a wire from the Chicago train, fled at Greenville. Sever isn't on it."

"What!" Strawn exclaimed. "Given us the slip, has he? Well, I guess that settles it, Dundee. Did the wire say whether he had been seen on the train at all, Payne?"

"Yes. The day coach conductor noticed him soon after the train pulled out of Hamilton, but when he went to collect his ticket Sever had disappeared. The train has been searched thoroughly, and it's a sure thing he's not on it now. That's all the wire says, chief."

"Then he's still in the State somewhere, and we'll pick him up!" Strawn prophesied grimly, and hurried downstairs to telephone further instructions to police headquarters.

"Bring that Magnus chap in, Boyle!" Dundee heard him instruct the patrolman from the doorway, a few minutes later. Coming into the room, he growled to Dundee, who had again taken his place behind the screen: "We're wasting time here, boy, but I suppose I've got to see the rest of these people, on the off-chance they saw or heard something."

"Good night! Good night!" a hoarse voice croaked sleepily. Strawn whirled, then remembered the parrot and chuckled. "You sleepy, too, Cap'n? Well, it won't be long now, old top! Come in! . . . You're Magnus?"

Bert Magnus, clad in a cheap Terry-cloth bathrobe over cotton pyjamas, stood blinking in the blaze of light, as if he had been aroused from sleep.

"Herbert S. Magnus," he answered the detective.

"You board here? Where is your room?" Strawn asked abruptly.

"Across the hall, on the east side, next to Mr. Styles' room," Magnus answered meticulously.

"How did you spend the evening, Magnus, from dinner time until you were told of Mrs. Hogarth's murder?"

"I accompanied Miss Cora Barker to the Little Queen Theatre, where she plays the piano," Magnus answered. "I left the theatre about nine o'clock, and returned to my room. I read over the manuscript of a scenario I am working on, and then began to revise it. I became absorbed in the work that I neglected to keep an appointment with Miss Barker to meet her after the closing of the theatre. In fact, I did not realize what time it was until too late to keep the appointment, so I kept on with my work."

"How late did you work?"

"Till about 12:20, I believe. Last Saturday night I obtained permission from Mrs. Rhodes to type until 12 o'clock, though on other nights she has asked the not to type after 11, for fear of disturbing others. I had intended to quit promptly at 12, as she had requested, but when I looked at my watch, a few minutes after Mr. Styles had spoken to me, I found it was a quarter past 12. I finished the page I had in the machine, and stopped. I was just getting into bed when I was told the tragic news."

"Did you hear or see anyone, or anything out of the ordinary, during all that time, Mr. Magnus?"

"Why, no. I was pretty much absorbed in my writing. As I said, Walter Styles, the young man who has the room next to mine, spoke to me from the porch. But otherwise I saw and spoke to no one, nor was I conscious of hearing anything unusual. Oh, yes! A new boarder, a Mr. Dundee, interrupted me earlier in the evening—probably about 11, though I did not notice the time, or realize then that it was so late, or I should have gone to keep my appointment with Miss Barker."

"How long have you boarded here, Mr. Magnus?"

"I came to Hamilton on June 6, from Philadelphia. I was employed there for a year as a bookkeeper,



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STATISTICIAN'S WARNING TO CREDIT MEN.

New York, Nov. 5.

The remark of Mr. Roger Babson, the prominent statistician, that "it is practically inconceivable that the utter demoralization of the market has suffered should not have complex and important reactions," is evidenced in the bankruptcy of the Bankers Capital Corporation, an investment trust.

This company petitioned for receivership through one of its subsidiaries because "the financial future" suddenly decreased the value of the securities it held, lessening its ability to obtain working capital through collateral loans.

Mr. Babson declares that beyond immediate troubles "there remains a vast amount of financial wreckage." He says that the conditions which caused the panic will be apparent for some time and "while the true, crash on Wall Street found business conditions fairly sound, it may not leave them so."

Addressing his remarks to credit men he warns "any credit department which chokes off credit blindly and applies collection 'screws in a panicky way that it is acting like a green driver who clumsily jams on his brakes in an emergency, locking the wheels and overturning the car."

with the Acme Paper Company. I am originally from Riverside, California."

A knock on the door interrupted, and Detective Green, who had earlier brought in Dr. Weeks, plunged into the room.

"A real clue, chief! A hot one!" he exclaimed, offering a disreputable old tweed cap.

Strawn stretched out a hand for the cap, but Green warned him excitedly: "Careful, chief! Or the green feather will fall out!"

(To be Continued.)

U.S. SENATORS' WHISKY.

NEW YORK DINNER ALLEGATIONS.

Washington, Nov. 5.

Drinking in high places was vehemently assailed in the Senate this morning by Mr. Smith W. Brookhart, of Iowa, who declared that he had seen more Congressmen drunk in one week than townspeople in seven years.

The main object of his speech was to describe what had taken place at a dinner given to Senators by Mr. Walter J. Fahy, a New York stockbroker. Underneath the table, Mr. Brookhart stated, were silver, whisky flasks which Senators were invited to use and keep as souvenirs. He named three Senators who had abstained, and allowed the inference to be drawn that the others drank. He was, he said, sitting between a Mr. Otto Kahn and Mr. E. E. Lomas, both connected with Morgan's, who tried to influence him to adopt the railway policy they favoured, but without success.

The method by which, he alleged, Mr. Lomas prepared himself whisky and water was minutely described by Mr. Brookhart.

"Only after little men."

Prohibition agents appeared afraid to bring the big men to justice, he complained, and only went after the little men.

He named the British Ambassador as one who by his action

had, together with Mr. Hoover, set an example of obedience to the law, "which had a good effect on those who today to high authority." He was, he declared, ready to introduce a measure to compel all other Embassies in Washington to follow Sir Esme Howard's example.

Mr. Brookhart is evidently suffering under some delusion concerning the position of the British Embassy. Drink is still served there as at any other Embassy. All the Ambassador did was to state that he would not sign permits for the importation of liquor by the Embassy staff in existing circumstances. The circumstances to which he objected were violent attacks made in the Senate and elsewhere against Embassy drinking, and the assumption that United States law was being violated by diplomats, attacks which were allowed to pass without comment or correction by the administration or their supporters in Congress.

Sir Esme Howard's action and the discussion to which it gave rise led to a public statement being made by Mr. Stimson, the Secretary of State, that the Hoover administration acknowledged the right of the Embassies to drink what they liked, and could be relied on to protect diplomatic rights. The Administration have therefore condemned in advance Mr. Brookhart's proposed measure.

Mr. Brookhart also called for the dismissal of Mr. Andrew Mellon, who, as head of the Treasury, was responsible for the ineffectiveness of prohibition enforcement. He demanded a large increase in prohibition agents, especially along the Canadian frontier.

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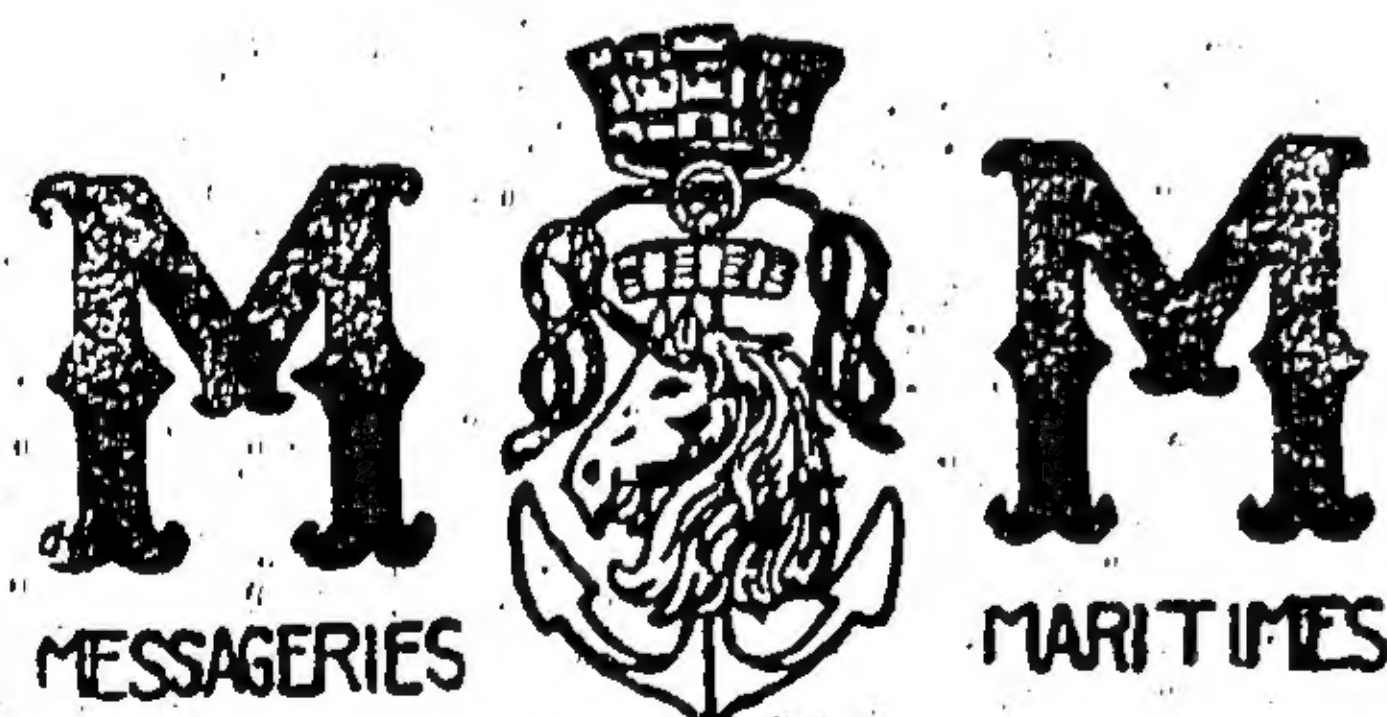
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PRE-HISTORY OF KOWLOON.

PROF. SHELLSHEAR'S INTERESTING TALK.

A very interesting lecture on prehistoric Kowloon and the New Territories was delivered at the Helena May Institute last evening by Prof. J. L. Shellshear of the University of Hongkong.

Professor Shellshear pointed out that in certain parts of the world to-day prehistoric conditions survived, as, for instance, in the far places of Australia.

He said that he would deal first with the problem of deciding the age of geological specimens unearthed in Kowloon and the New Territories. The ages of local discoveries would be approximately those of Hanoi and the Philippine Islands, where research had been going on.

Ancient Axes.

The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides, one of the first of which showed Prof. Shellshear facing a cutaway in an embankment near the railway at Shatin. He explained that this indicated a spot where three very fine stone axes had been found, and later presented clear views of the three specimens, which were particularly interesting.

Dealing with prehistoric pottery unearthed during his rambles on the mainland, the lecturer said that nothing was known of these relics. They were well modelled and covered with many designs, and were similar to the pottery of other ancient peoples.

Amusing Incident.

The Professor described an experience with two colleagues while "prospecting." One of these gentlemen weighed 23 stone, and, not unnaturally, was not over anxious to walk considerable distances. In just one morning the Professor told his friend that he and the other searcher would present him with anything they found while exploring a certain hill, on which they were confident they would find nothing of value. However, said Professor Shellshear, they found a splendid stone axe, which they were in honour bound to hand to their joyous confrere.

In all, continued the lecturer, recent years had been responsible for the discovery of 15 stone axes, a stone ring and an arrow head in Kowloon and the Territories. The specimens were very good ones and were of great interest.

Pre-Egyptian Models.

The specimens were hung on the lantern screen and explained by the lecturer. One of the axes was a fine, highly polished piece of work and called forth admiration from a distinguished geologist who came here on a visit from Manila. Prof. Shellshear said that there were two schools of thought with regard to the transportation of instruments of civilisation from Egypt. Some people thought that other countries had identical things before Egypt, while others favoured the theory that Egypt spread the light in this direction. Personally, said the lecturer, he was of opinion that long before Egypt came into being man was a traveller and spread prehistoric civilisation, just as we spread our religion and learnings to-day.

Stone axes, said the lecturer, were never found more than 300 yards from the seashore. This was due presumably to the fact that the people who used them were chiefly fishing folk. Copied From Bronze: An interesting indication of the difficulties in the path of the geologists.

CANON STREETER.

OXFORD SCHOLAR TO VISIT HONGKONG.

Canon B. H. Streeter, Reader in Christian Origins in the University of Oxford, Fellow of the Queen's College, Oxford, and Fellow of the British Academy, is due to arrive from Shanghai by the Empress of Asia to-morrow.

Canon Streeter came out to the Far East as delegate from Great Britain to the Institute of Pacific Relations held in Japan in October. At the request of certain groups in China he spent the greater part of the latter half of the year lecturing in China.

Canon Streeter went up to Oxford in 1893, and originally intended to enter his father's profession of the Law; at the University he became an agnostic, then found an intellectual basis for religion; read theology and took Orders; nearly resigned his Orders on discovering that his position did not seem that his position did not seem water-tight, but finally gained renewed confidence that in religion man can attain to a genuine apprehension of Reality, and has given up his life to working out and passing on to others the truth that he has seen.

He is at the present time one of Oxford's outstanding scholars, and enjoys an international reputation. He is a member of the Archbishop's Commission on Religious Education. He is the author of the following books:—"Reality," "Four Gospels," "The Sadhu," "Restatement and Reunion," and "The Primitive Church." He has edited the following:—"Adventure," "The Spirit," "Immortality," "Concerning Prayer," and "Foundations."

During his stay in Hongkong Canon Streeter will address an open meeting on Thursday afternoon at 6.15 at the University on "International Question Arising Out of the Pacific Conference." On Friday at 5.15 he will address an open meeting at St. John's Cathedral hall on "God, Pain and Immortality." On Friday, 20th, on returning from a visit to Canton he will conduct a conference for Ministers of Religion and Educationalists at 4 p.m. on "Education and Religion."

Canon Streeter leaves for England on the Malwa on 21st December.

Logist was given when the lecturer spoke of an experience he had after finding an ancient barbed something like a harpoon. He took it to a colleague who examined it and announced that it had been copied from a similar work in bronze.

This would come about in the bronze or iron ages, where a person was too poor to afford iron or other substance, and counterfeited in stone what he had seen made in bronze. Such incidents would happen in the very early days of iron and bronze.

Interesting pottery found in the vicinity of Girdhar's Bay was then illustrated and explained by Prof. Shellshear. He concluded his address with the statement that he would be only too pleased to answer any questions and give any assistance to anyone who wished to take an interest in local geology. He was quite unable to give any chronology regarding the specimens unearthed locally, but it was hoped that before long the geologists in the south, and in the Philippine Islands, etc., would be able more or less to date the specimens found in these areas. With regard to prehistoric dating, a certain latitude was, of course, allowed the geologists.

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Grand Opera Company. "Take a Look at Mine," (Dougherty), "Reviews," (Fragson), Gracie Fields, Comedienne. "Dreams of Yesterday," ("Virginia"—Waller and Tunbridge). "Was it a Dream," (Cuslow, Spier and Britt), F. Rowland-Tims, F.R.C.O. "Stephen Foster Melodies," "Old Folks at Home (Way down upon the Swanee River)," "Ring de Banjo," "Oh! Lemuel," "Nelly Bly," "Oh Boys, Carry Me long," "Louisiana Belle," "Camptown Races."

Nat Shikret and the Salon Group. "If I didn't miss you," (Endor and Stenberger), "I've always wanted to call you my Sweetheart," (Endor, Sternberg and Ward), Gracie Fields, Comedienne. "Wedding of the Painted Doll," (Brown), (Featured in the Film "Broadway Melody"), De Groot and His Orchestra. "My Flame of Love," (Nicholls), De Groot (Violin), David Bor (Pianoforte), H. M. Calve (Cello). "Over the Garden Wall," (Henry and Horridge), John Henry. "Maire My Girl," (G. Aitken), "For you alone," (Geehl), John Turner.

Celebrity Concert. Mr. Harry Ore, (Piano), Signor Adolfo Bellotti, (Tenor), 9.00 p.m. Dr. M. B. Osman M. D. will lecture on "Mans' Secret Enemies," 9.15 p.m. Riano "Moonlight Sonata," Beethoven. Mr. Harry Ore. 9.25 p.m. Vocal. (a) "Santa Lucia Lullaby," Mario. (b) "La Fanciulla del West," Lucini.

Signor Adolfo Bellotti. 9.30 p.m. Piano. (a) "Gavotte," Gluck-Brahms. (b) "Menuet," Paderewsky. Mr. Harry Ore. 9.45 p.m. Vocal, "To quieten," Jose Serrano. Signor Adolfo Bellotti. 9.50 p.m. Piano. (a) "Maena Lullaby," H. Ore. (b) "Fair Weather-Thunder," H. Ore. (Cantabile Song).

Mr. Harry Ore. 10.00 p.m. Vocal "A Dream," J. C. Bartlett. 10.7 p.m. Piano "Military March," Schubert-Tausig. Mr. Harry Ore. 10.15 p.m. News bulletin. 10.30 p.m. (Approx) Close down.

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Four of the seven Chinese students who rioted at the Chinese Embassy on November 20 have been sentenced to five months imprisonment, and a fine of 350 francs each, and the other three to three months imprisonment and a similar fine. In this riot the Chinese Charge d'Affaires was injured.—Renter.

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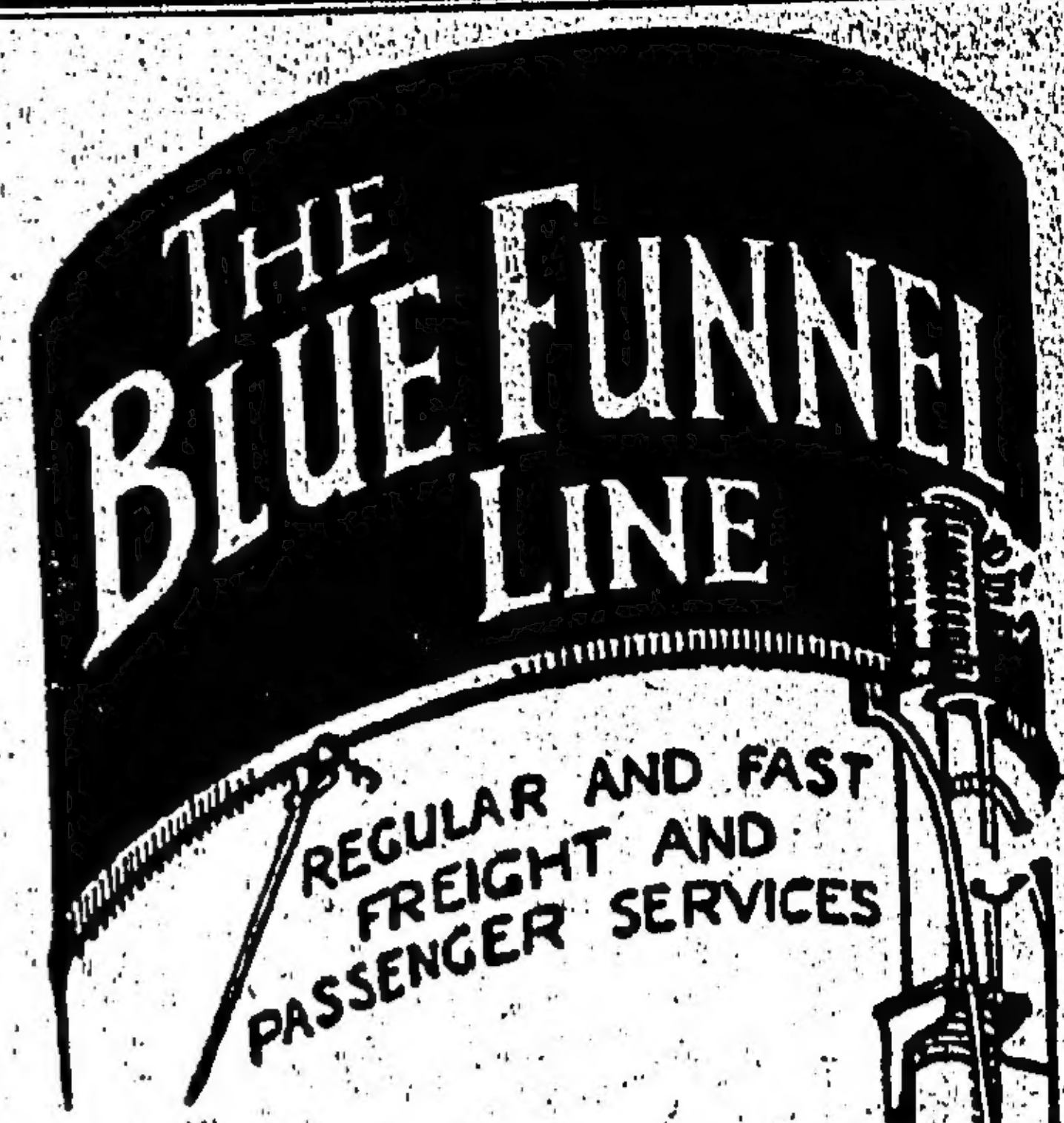
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Further evidence was given before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, in the case in which two men and a woman are charged on several counts of defrauding the King's Revenue. The first defendant is described as the *ser fua* of the Tung Cheung Distillery of Hung Hau, while the woman is stated to be the licensee, the second man being unemployed.

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department was for the prosecution while Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for the woman and the *ser fua*.

The greater part of the afternoon was occupied by Mr. H. A.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Hongkong Rents.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—The case as presented by your correspondent "Common Sense" against Kent Redoubt smacks a good deal of the indulgence in the silly prejudice of the landlords and, lest your readers be misled by what "Common Sense" says as being snappy with facts and explanations, the writer feels constrained to point out again where some of the fallacies lie.

Consider for instance "Common Sense" advocates that the long-suffering tradesmen or tenants in the hands of the merciless landlords "put up their shutters in disgust" which is tantamount to telling a man, if he gets kicked in the shin by a bully, to bear it all with a patient shrug, making no attempt to bring him to task. It is equally analogous to saying why the British Government takes all the trouble to appoint Commissioners after Commission to enquire into this, that and the other problem, concerning public grievances in unemployment, the coal crisis and the like. Brush aside all these problems awaiting solution and everything will adjust itself. That is sheerly dodging the issue, is it not?

At this juncture, the tenants in the Colony cannot lie on their backs and let landlords trample on them at their own sweet will. That fact to be faced squarely is that long-established shopkeepers in certain vicinities have times and again suffered losses in consequence of speculative landlords trying to exploit high rents. For example, it is the work of Chinese tradesmen to concentrate on one locality according to the respective lines of business; drug in one, sea-products in another, and so on. If that be the case, it would be illogical and nonsensical of "Common Sense" to suggest to the aggrieved shopkeepers to "put up their shutters in disgust," if the speculative and merciless landlords should force them out of their vantage-ground. Does it not involve no inconsiderable outlay of expenditure, time and energy to be established in any business district? Would a month's notice be ample for a tradesman to readjust himself to new conditions? Then, again, would a pawnshop on Queen's Road or the lower level district of the Chinese boarding houses along the Praya and Des Voeux Road be expected to carry on business with the shadow of a change, if suddenly forced to move up to, for the sake of argument, May Road or the upper level?

What is more, say what "Common Sense" will, there is no blinking at the truth that there is an interdependence between the tenants and the landlords. To wake up to the realization of this fact is more vital than to cling stubbornly to the idea of supply and demand in time of severe trade depression as at the moment. If the landlords persist in their selfish stubbornness, the consequence will be to plunge over the precipice.

"Common Sense" also argues that "it is the duty of the Government Assessor and his staff to see that there is no evasion of rates," but the writer still maintains that if this matter were investigated minutely, there would be much that could not see the light of day, and that the evasion amounts to a huge sum that may well be contributed towards the expenditure for public

welfare. Things are not what they seem, "Common Sense!"

Whilst on the subject of the evasion of rates, it may be mentioned, too, that the Chinese landlords pay their rates to the Government according to the solar calendar, but collect their rents of basing all transactions on the lunar reckoning, thus making a gain of ten days' rental in one year and one full month in three years, for each landlord. It is quite needless to dwell on this point further.

There is still another argument set forth by "Common Sense" that calls for a retort. It is said that if one month's notice is too short, the obvious solution is for the tenant to make a lease with his landlord; but "Common Sense" overlooks the Sale Clause in the usual lease, allowing much latitude to the landlords to terminate or wriggle out of any binding agreement.

A SUPPORTER OF THE RENT PROBLEM COMMITTEE.

LOCAL WEDDING.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT KOWLOON.

(Continued from Page 2.)

A very pretty wedding ceremony was witnessed at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday morning when Miss Margaret Carruthers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carruthers, of Carlisle, England, was married to Mr. Harry Armstrong Settle, the Chief Officer of the China Navigation Company's s.s. Kiangsu. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. B. Shann.

The bride, who was given away by Capt. J. A. Richards, the skipper of the Kiangsu, was charmingly attired in a gown of white tulle. She carried a beautiful bouquet of pink roses. Her bridesmaids were Miss Mary Richards and Miss Joan Seath, who were daintily dressed in blue and carried rose bouquets.

Mr. W. Seath accompanied the bridegroom as "best man."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bridal party repaired to the Peninsula Hotel, where the reception was attended by many friends. Here they received hearty congratulations. The usual toasts were honoured.

Witness Satisfied.

You had ample time on the days on which you worked to satisfy yourself on the point that the balance sheet was correct?—I was satisfied after Mr. Brewer had given those explanations.

That is not my question. You had ample time during those ten days to satisfy yourself that the balance sheet was correct?—Yes.

In consequence of that you signed on the balance sheet the following certificate? (Mr. Davidson proceeded to read the usual certificate attached by auditors to balance sheets, and asked witness if he appreciated what the duties of an auditor were.)

Witness replied in the affirmative, and said, in reply to another question that what was in the certificate was true.

You remember Mr. Brewer's public examination? You had various interviews with the official Receiver before that public examination?—Yes.

On those occasions were you examined by the Official Receiver on many of the points on which you are questioned this afternoon?—Yes.

Were your answers taken down in writing by the Official Receiver?—It appears to me that the answers were taken down in writing.

Were those answers the same as you have given this afternoon?—I cannot remember. It is possible the questions were differently put.

Shown the typewritten General Balance Sheet which he passed as auditor, witness was questioned with regard to the alterations thereon. He denied that it was he who made those alterations.

Mr. Davidson: The way in which the capital was got up had been completely altered? Witness: Yes.

You say Mr. Brewer made that alteration?—I do.

Why did you sign it since it was his alteration?—I was satisfied with the explanations he gave me.

At this point, the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow afternoon.

THE BREWER CASE RESUMED.

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Mr. Davidson (cross-examining): I take it, Mr. Li Tung, that you are an experienced auditor?—Yes.

For ten days you sat in Mr. Brewer's room after five o'clock and audited the books?—Yes.

Did Mr. Brewer assist you at any time?—He did not assist me in anything in particular. When I came to anything I did not understand I asked him.

Why was it necessary for you to do it in Mr. Brewer's room?—He told me to do it in Mr. Brewer's room.

I put it to you that you did it in Mr. Liu, the Secretary's room?—No.

At the end of that time you were thoroughly acquainted with the books of the Eastern Banking Corporation?—I had seen the books which had anything to do with the balance sheet.

Did you say you spent the whole time on the books?—No, in auditing the balance sheet.

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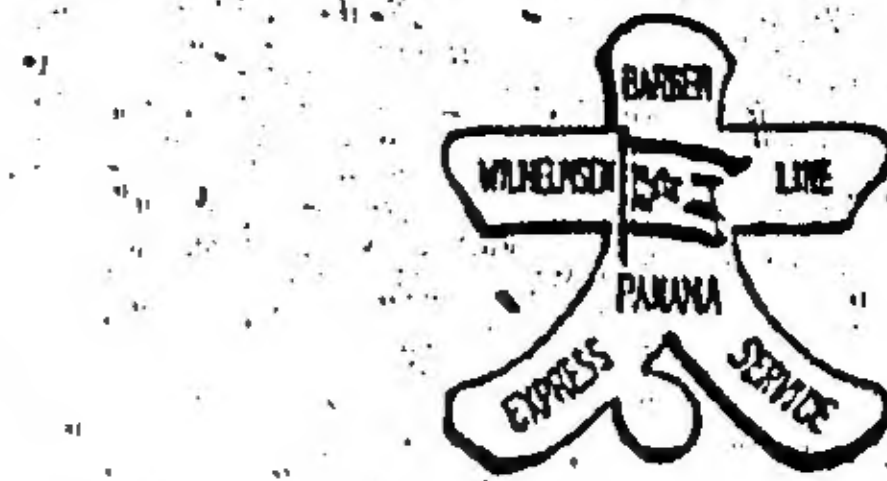
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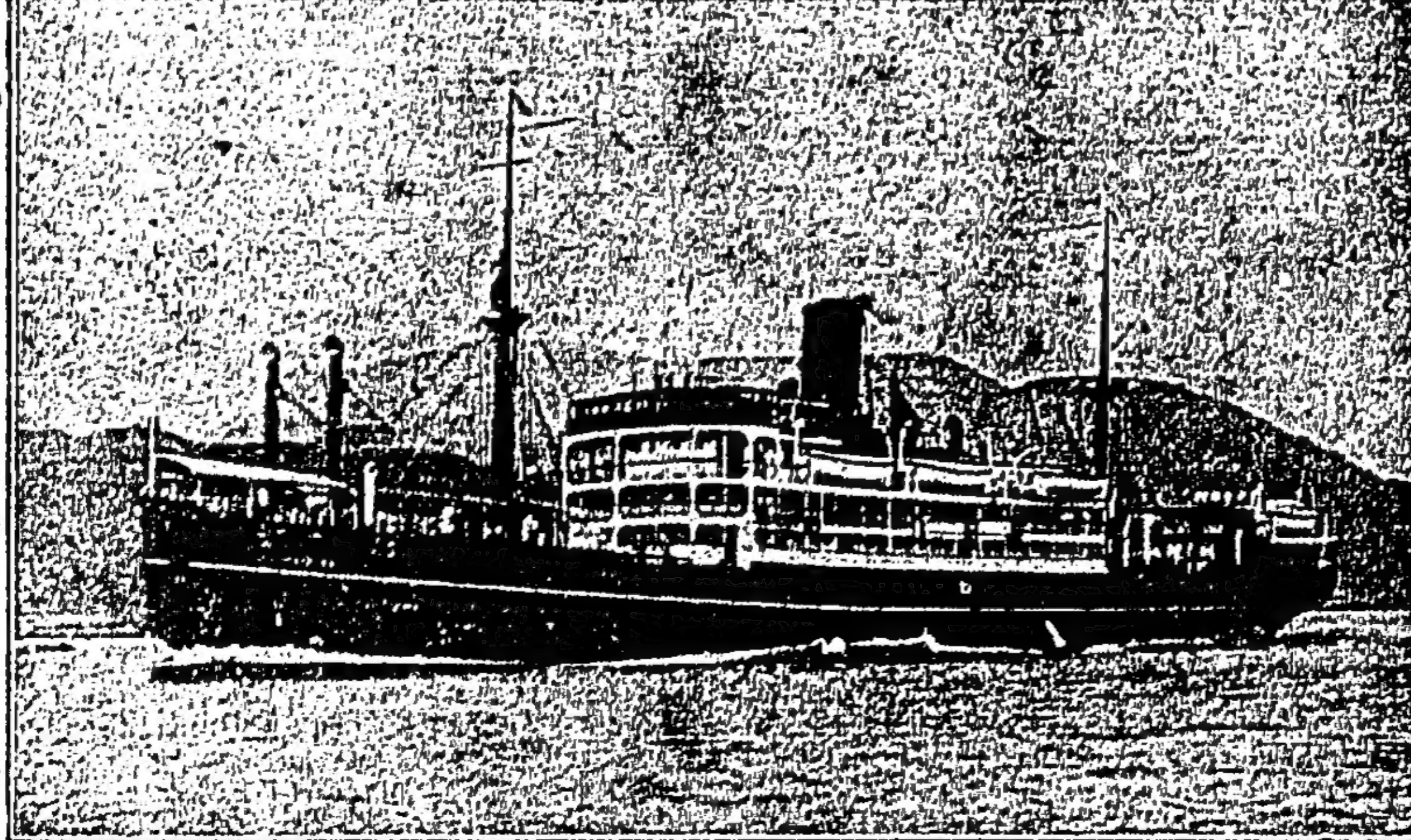
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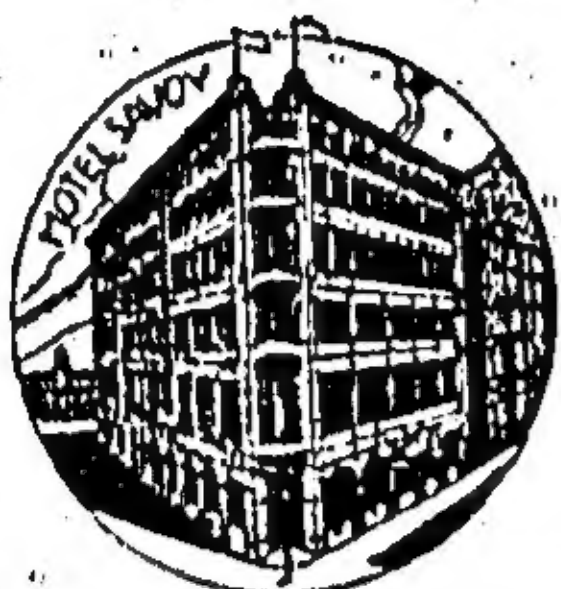
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**SEVERE FIGHTING
NEAR NANKING.**

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forces, there was high tension yesterday morning in Nanking, when rumours went around that a contingent of troops stationed at the Ting Kai Bridge were acting suspiciously.

Word of the contemplated mutiny reached Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, who ordered the Second Division under General Kuo Cho-tung to disarm the doubtful troops. It appears to be the intention of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to disarm all the doubtful troops not directly in his famous First Army Corps and to permit only his reliable forces in the vicinity of Shanghai and Nanking.

Yesterday afternoon two regiments of over 1,000 troops under Commander Sun Chang-chun arrived at Pukow the city opposite Nanking, from Hanchow but upon landing both were disarmed by Government orders.

Hanchow Troops Disarmed.

It is reported that hundreds more doubtful troops at Hanchow, which is not far from Shanghai, were disarmed in the nick of time yesterday to save the city from the experience at Pukow, when the whole place was systematically looted.

On the evening of the 9th instant, it is stated, Mr. Chang Ching-kiang, Chairman of the Chekiang Provincial Government received information that a regiment of troops under Chow Feng-chi was involved in a daring conspiracy to seize Hanchow.

One thousand trusted troops co-operating with the city gendarmes, surrounded the quarters.

The suspected regiment put up a short resistance with the result that two of them were killed and several wounded.

Hankow Dec. 10.

Yesterday morning, General Liu Shih received a warning cablegram from Chengchow from the rebel commanders, bearing the signatures of General Tang Seng-chi and others pointing out that the rebels forces, co-operating with the Kuomintang will sweep down to take Hankow at any cost within a week. General Liu Chi was asked to join the rebels or to give up the Wuhan cities to spare the populace from danger.

In a public statement, General Liu Chi announced the fact that he proposes to hold Hankow. Hankow is quiet.

Chengchow Conference.

An important conference among the rebel commanders, headed by Tang Seng-chi, is reported to have taken place at Chengchow, the principal city of Honan, on Sunday last, when an understanding was reached and military plans were drawn up.

Tang Seng-chi will lead 80,000 troops, including some Kuomintang regiments, from Singanyehow with Hankow as their object.

10,000 troops consisting of the 51st and 43rd Divisions under General Tang Seng-chi have arrived at Wushingwan.

The troops under General Shih Yu-san, the rebellious Kuomintang leader, commenced an offensive against the Nanking loyalist troops under Kuo Chu-tung and Chiang Ting-wan along the Tien-tsin-Pukow Railway on the 9th instant.

Japanese Cruiser Sent.

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

In response to orders from the Commander of the Japanese China Squadron, the cruiser Hirado left Kure for Shanghai early to-day.—*Reuter.*

All Eyes on Yen.

Peking, Dec. 10.

Considerable importance is attached here to a statement by Yen Hsi-shan which is expected to be issued at any moment, as it is known that others' decisions hang upon his. Yesterday in Taiyuanfu, Keh Kuang-ting, the Mukden representative of Shansi, declared that the attitude of Manchuria towards the present crisis would be the same as Yen's, whose attitude is expected to be made clear very shortly.

Chen Tiao-yuan yesterday definitely declared himself as for the Government. According to Tsinan messages, at yesterday's memorial service Chen stated that the Shantung Government had two objects, to be loyal to the Central Government and to keep peace and order in Shantung. He added that three divisions had been sent to the southern Shantung border, and action would be taken against anyone disturbing the peace.

In the meantime, Tang Seng-chi appears to have proved the present neutrality of Taiyuanfu, as by his orders his Peking headquarters have been plastered with the slogan "Headquarters of the Fourth Route of the expedition for the salvation of the nation and the protection of the Party," which is the name adopted by Tang, Shih Yu-san, Han Fu-chu, Sung Chah-yuan and their fellow rebels.—*Reuter.*

**RETURNED BANISHEE
SENTENCED.**

**HABITUAL THIEF ORDERED
A BIRCHING.**

Described as a habitual thief with four previous convictions against him for theft, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of returning from banishment, after having been deported for life, was sentenced to ten months' hard labour and twenty strokes of the birch.

The defendant was stated to have been imprisoned on four occasions for stealing, while he had three times been before the Court on charges of returning from banishment.

Another man, who was arrested at the same time as the defendant in the previous case, was also sentenced to ten months' hard labour and ordered twenty strokes of the birch. The defendant had been previously convicted of theft.

**AN OPIUM PEDLAR
CONVICTED.**

**DOING TRADE WITH SHIPS
IN HARBOUR.**

In prosecuting a cooler on a charge of being in possession of six mace of prepared opium on board the s.s. Talamba, Detective Sergeant Humphreys, before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, said the defendant, judging from the articles found in his possession, had been carrying on a private trade in illicit opium.

According to the officer, when arrested the defendant was carrying a large tin container in which were a number of opium pots and other opium paraphernalia. He had apparently been in the habit of carrying on a trade on board ships in the harbour.

His Worship intimated that he seemed to have been simply an opium pedlar.

The defendant was fined \$300, or three months' hard labour in default, the articles found in his possession being confiscated.

EXTENDED STALL.

**HEAVY FINE ON MARKET
DEALER.**

A stall holder of the Cheung Sha Wan Market was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for causing an obstruction by occupying space other than his stall area for depositing his wares. His Worship remarked that he was not going to have that kind of obstruction in markets and imposed a fine of \$20.

**BATTLE RAGING IN
CANTON AREA.**

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the fighting area definitely turning the scale of battle.

The Cantonese now claim to be repulsing the enemy all along the line.

Absurd Rumours.

Rumours of the arrival of Chiang Kai-shek still persist among the population, but well-informed circles are merely amused. Canton is very interested in the developments in the Nanking region, but it is very difficult to ascertain any true facts at present. Indeed, it seems doubtful whether the higher authorities are themselves fully aware exactly what is taking place.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

General Attack Reported.

Canton, Dec. 10.

A general attack opened against the Ironside "remnants" and the Kwangsi insurgents last night. General Chan Chai-tong personally directed the operations at the front, while General Ho Yin-ching led the 3rd Division, combining with the naval forces, to attack Nam-tong and Wing-on, with Szeu as the objective.

During the engagement which lasted several hours, over 1,000 rebels were disarmed and captured, according to report.

The 8th Army Route H.Q. were in receipt of an order from President Chiang yesterday to the effect that all troops, militia, gendarmes and marines in Canton city are to come under the direct control of General Auyang Kui, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Safety.

For the purpose of effectively maintaining peace and order, and also observing the diligence of the policemen on duty, General Auyang Kui has been patrolling the city personally every night during the present crisis.—*Canton News Agency.*

**SHIP'S ENGINEER
REPRIMANDED.**

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ner could not stand up straight, and he smelt strongly of liquor.

Mr. Richard William Roberts, Chief Officer, s.s. Portuorno, said he received a complaint about 3.20 p.m. on December 5th as to the condition of the accused. He spoke to Cordiner and came to the conclusion he was under the influence of drink. He smelt of liquor and could not speak distinctly.

Capt. Niblett:—Since this happened on December 5th have you seen Cordiner under the influence of drink?—I have seen him drunk since.

Defendant's Denial.

Mr. Cordiner said he had a few drinks, but he denied being drunk afterwards.

In reply to a question from the Court, the Chief Officer said there had been no previous trouble with the defendant, and they had always been friendly together.

This concluded the evidence for the prosecution, and when asked by the President if he wished to make a statement, Cordiner said he would leave it at the statement of the Chief Engineer's.

The President:—Then you don't wish to make a statement?

Accused:—No.

The President:—And you don't deny the charge?

Accused:—No, sir.

Defendant produced his certificate of competency, and Commander Hole asked him if he had any extenuating circumstances to plead, to which Cordiner replied in the negative.

The hearing lasted 50 minutes, after which the Court adjourned to consider its finding.

Court's Finding.

The Court returned the following finding:—"We find that Mr. Alexander James Cordiner, certificate of competency as first engineer No. 51651 of Southampton, whilst on the s.s. Portuorno, of which Mr. Edward John Niblett, certificate of competency No. 632177, of Cardiff, was master, did commit an act of gross misconduct in that on December 5, 1929, whilst the s.s. Portuorno was discharging in Hongkong Harbour, he was under the influence of liquor when on duty. We therefore adjudge the said Mr. Alexander James Cordiner to be reprimanded."

**WORKS BLOWN UP:
SIX KILLED.**

**DISASTER IN A PARIS
SUBURB.**

Paris, Oct. 15.

Six men were killed and many injured in an explosion which wrecked part of the works of the Talbot Motor-Car Company at Suresnes, near Paris, to-day.

The building collapsed, and workmen rushed panic-stricken into the street to escape the falling bricks and fragments of stones.

All the houses in the district were shaken and the windows shattered. Women rushed out with their babies in their arms to seek safety.

Gas Peril.

The two-storey building in which the explosion occurred was built of reinforced concrete. It was about 100 yards long and 100 yards wide.

It contained a large gas producer and reservoir of compressed air for supplying power to the entire works, and there were heavy electric transformers and motors on both floors.

Many of the victims were pinned beneath the steel girders and heavy machines which fell through the floor.

When the explosion occurred the manager of the works organised rescue parties, and these were soon joined by the fire brigades from Suresnes and Puteaux, while a detachment of soldiers came from the barracks of the Mont Valerien.

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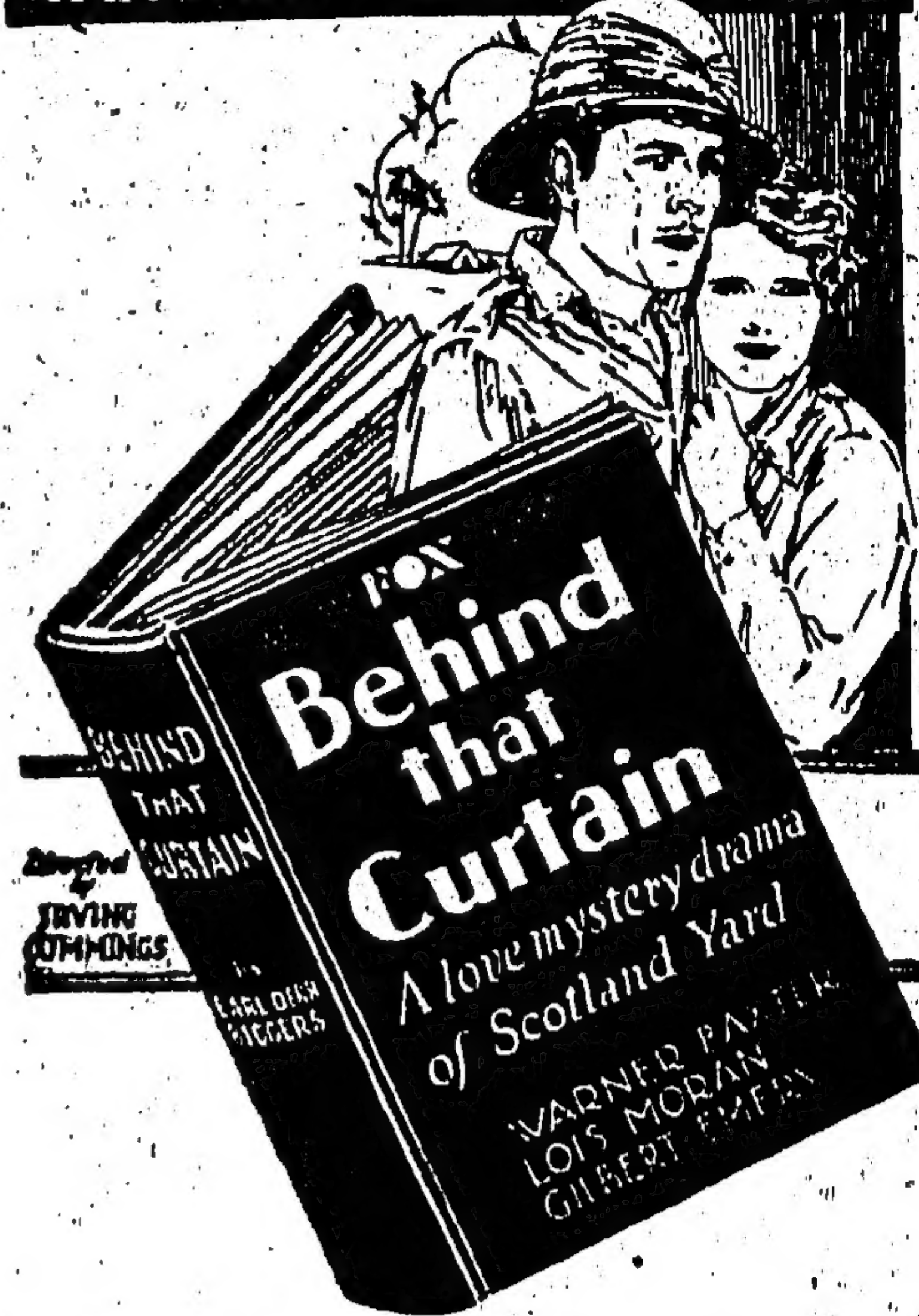
Many of the injured were quickly removed, but to reach others and to extricate the dead it was necessary to cut through steel girders and to use a motor-tractor to drag off huge blocks of stone. The rescue work is still proceeding, and will be carried on all night with the aid of search-lights.

M. Bayle, one of the Talbot officials, sent out a wireless call for aid, and M. Chappe, Paris Prefect of Police, and others were soon on the spot.

M. Florentin, head of the Paris Municipal Laboratory, stated that there were really two explosions. The first was due to lubricating oil oozing into the reservoir of compressed air, and the second occurred in the damaged gas producer.

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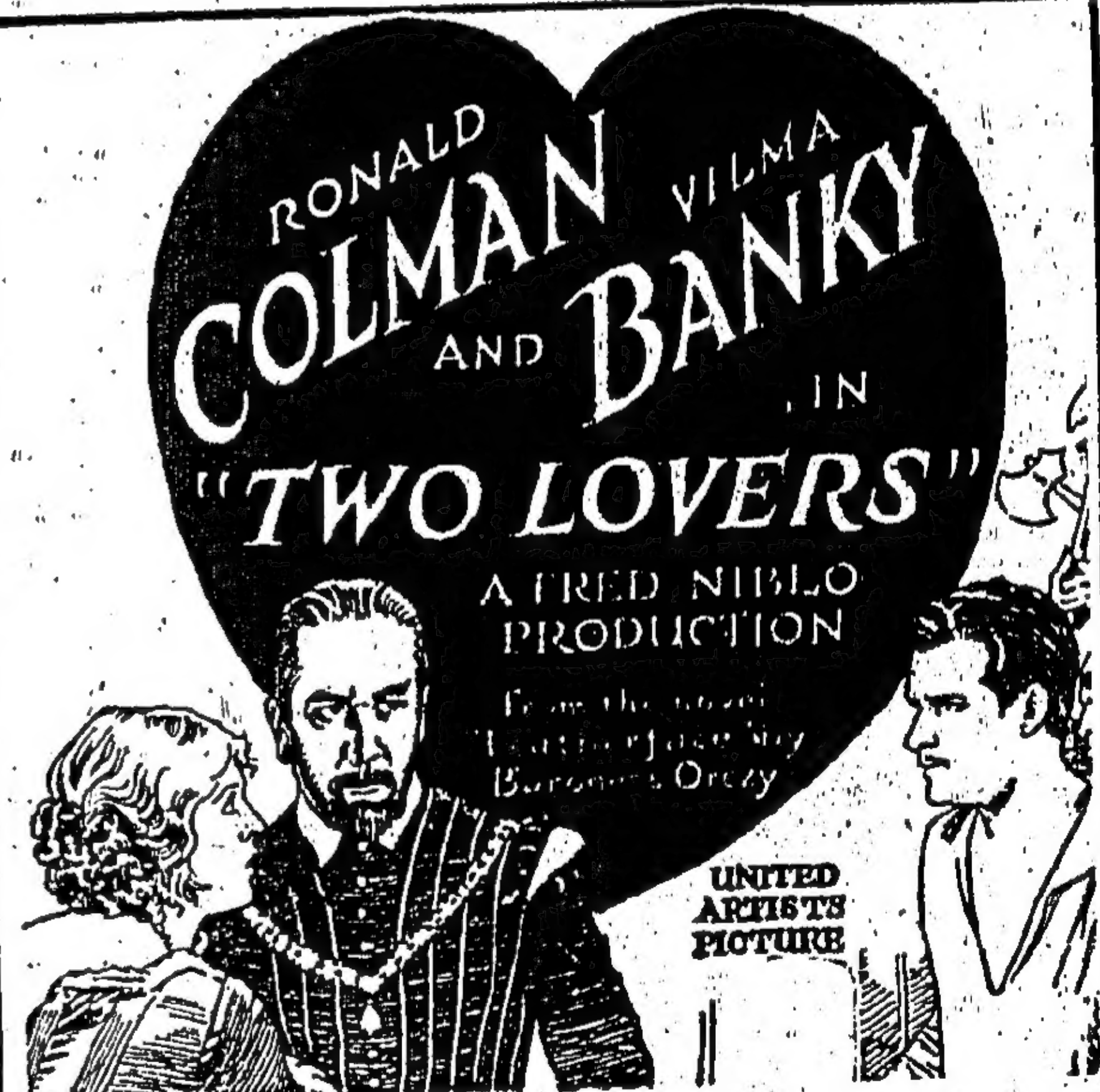
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